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By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 1466, which proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for four specific groups of individuals including immediate relatives of

as of May

U.S. citizens

8, 2008, has now been referred to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs.

Sablan is now the ranking member of this committee, which has oversight on U.S. territories like the CNMI.

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in observance of Good Friday.

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# Local

# Former House speaker Palacios back at DFW

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Former House speaker Arnold I. Palacios is back at his old job in the Division of Fish and Wildlife as director, a post he held for 12 years prior to becoming a lawmaker.

Palacios, who started working at DFW again on April 18, said in a phone interview yesterday that his priority is to ensure that the division "gets back on its feet."

"It's going to be a challenge," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "I hope I can come back in and help the division. There are lots of chal-

lenges and issues that need to be addressed."

Palacios previously served as DFW director from 1984 to 1996.

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Prior to that, he was already with DFW as fisheries data program manager.

DFW remained

without a director for the most part of Palacios

2010, when former director Sylvan Igisomar filed for leave of absence and later on left the division in September. Palacios said among the challenges is compliance with federal requirements.

Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz, secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, said in

an interview that Palacios is the best candidate for the job of a DFW director, having been on the same post for 12 years.

DFW is one of the divisions under DLNR.

On April 18, Dela Cruz issued a one-page memo to department and activity heads announcing Palacios' appointment as DFW director.

"Mr. Palacios, former House speaker of the CNMI Legislature, is not new in this position. For 12 years, he served a DFW director until his election to the House of Representatives, CNMI Legislature, in 2001," Dela Cruz said in his memo.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said DLNR has been diligently searching for a DFW director for quite some time now.

"In doing so, it was important to find someone with adequate experience in the division to continue carrying out the programs goals and objectives. Mr. Palacios was selected through a qualification process and is not premised on any future political ambitions," he said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in a March 30 interview with reporters, said Palacios would be a formidable delegate candidate for the Republicans in the 2012 elections.

Palacios did not want to comment on this issue yesterday, saying he's focused on his job as DFW director.

A few years after retiring Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

from DFW, Palacios ran and won a House seat. As a law-maker, he was a member and also chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. He became the speaker of the 16th House of Representatives. In November 2009, he ran for lieutenant governor but he and his running mate, Heinz Hofschneider, lost to Fitial and Lt. Gov Elov S. Inos

# Armstrong excited on NMC presidency » Exploratory visit to Saipan set next month

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Dr. Jeff Armstrong admitted to *Saipan Tribune* that he is excited after receiving the contract offer of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College to become its next president.

However, he pointed out that he hasn't decided yet to accept the offer from the Board of Regents as he is still studying the contract.

Armstrong also confirmed that he will be traveling to Saipan soon for an exploratory visit to the institution.

"I am hoping that I will be able to travel to Saipan in the next few weeks to explore the position more fully and make a final decision," confirmed Armstrong.

Armstrong is the last of the top three candidates who was offered the position by the board after failing to get any of the first two: Dr. Christa Adams, who withdrew from the race; and Dr. Sharon Hart, who rejected the position due to some contract concerns.

Armstrong is the executive director for Eastern Iowa Community College District in Iowa.

He acquired his BA degree with area of concentration in Literature from University of Iowa in 1979 and completed his master's degree in instructional design and technology in the same university in 1987 prior to acquiring his doctorate in social foundation of education in 2005.

"I am honored and excited to be offered the position," said Armstrong in an email to Saipan Tribune.

He admitted having an interest to the position and takes it as a challenge.

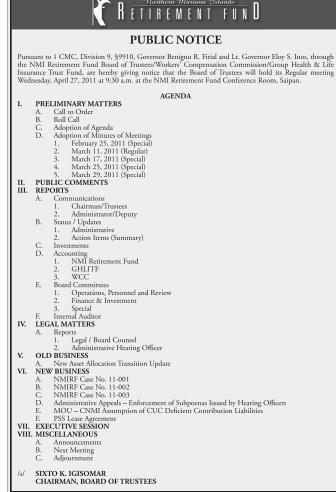
"Being the president of NMC holds a lot of interest and challenge and that is what attracted me to the position in the first place," he said.

Last week, board chairperson Juan T. Lizama hinted that Armstrong may likely accept the offer, describing the status of negotiations as having "a good chance." NMC regents offered an \$80,000 per annum salary to the president and \$800 monthly housing allowance. The contract is valid for two years and can be terminated only with cause.

Lizama also admitted that Armstrong is the board's "last See ARMSTRONG on Next Page



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#### ON STEPS TAKEN OVER MARPI POLES PROJECT

# **US Historic Preservation seeks information from DOI**

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The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has sought information from Office of Insular Affairs director Nik Pula about steps that the Department of Interior or its grantee, the CNMI, took to comply Section 106 review of the National Historic Preservation Act over the installation of power poles in Marpi.

Charlene Dwin Vaughn, assistant director for ACHP's Office of Federal Agency Programs-Federal Permitting, Licensing and Assistance Section, told Pula that they are particularly interested in how consulting parties were identified and involved with the review process of the Marpi

power poles project.

"We are also interested in how DOI has involved the public and addressed any comments they have provided," said Vaughn in the letter dated April 21, 2011.

ACHP is an independent federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the nation's historic resources.

A Section 106 review of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies or local government agencies if they are federally funded to "explore measures to avoid or reduce harm to historic properties."

Vaughn said the submission of the requested information will assist them in responding to the inquiries and in consult-

ing with DOI regarding the next steps DOI will need to take to conclude the Section 106 review process.

Vaughn enclosed in the letter the inquiries made to ACHP by former House representative Christina Marie Sablan and Glen Hunter.

Sablan is vice president of the Marianas Resource Conservation & Development Council. She is also a volunteer of Friends of Marpi.

Hunter is the founding member of Friends of Marpi.

Sablan recently wrote to ACHP to bring its attention to a federally funded project to install approximately 43 new and massive power poles in Marpi, ostensibly in order to provide power for a sprinkler system and lighting at the public cemetery.

Sablan said the project is entirely federally funded using Capital Improvement Project funds provided to the CNMI through the Office of Insular Affairs, DOI.

She said approximately \$200,000 in CIP funds are reportedly being spent for the erection of power poles alone.

Sablan said it is widely believed that the power pole project is intended to open up that region of the island to more intensive commercial and residential development.

Sablan said it is her understanding that Section 106 review

public continues to not be afforded any official opportunity to comment on this project or influence its implementation.

"Given these circumstances, should Section 106 review have been conducted, and is there any recourse available now under federal historic preservation statutes or regulations to stop the project, compel public hearings, and ensure the protection of Marpi's historic and cultural resources?" said the former lawmaker.

In a separate letter to ACHP, Hunter requested for a review of the Marpi poles project to determine if section 106 was followed.

Hunter said if section 106 was

has not been conducted, and the not followed, ACHP should ask the agency involved—Capital Improvement Office—to halt the project until a proper section 106 is conducted according to established guidelines.

> Sablan, Hunter, and Friends of Marpi are among the plaintiffs that sued the CNMI government over the installation of power poles in Marpi.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on April 19 granted the plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order to momentarily stop the CNMI government from installing more power poles in Marpi until an evidentiary hearing is conducted on Friday, April 29.

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hope" in terms of addressing the concern of the accreditation commission. The lack of chief executive officer for NMC was among the deficiencies cited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which caused the college to earn the continued show-cause status. The board has reopened the position in December last year after it failed to get a qualified individual during the first search.

Saipan Tribune learned that since 2008 Armstrong has served as executive director for resource of Eastern Iowa Community College District. It was in 1994 when he also served as the dean of college for Muscatine Community College. Other positions he held included dean of academic affairs for the same

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university, and associate dean of academic affairs. Armstrong was also an adjunct faculty at both Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Muscatine Community College.

Unlike the five-day timeframe provided for Dr. Sharon Hart, the board has extended the negotiation period with Armstrong until he makes the decision after his exploratory visit.

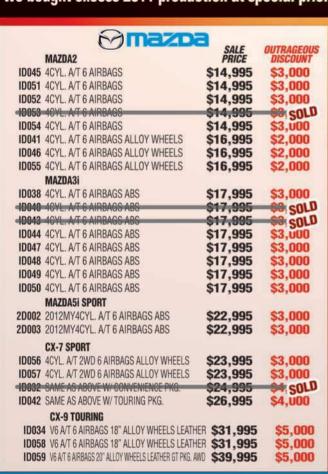


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#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### Volunteers needed for HPV, cervical cancer focus group

The Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program requests the assistance of 20 volunteers (10 women and 10 men) to participate in a focus group discussion and survey that will cover the human papillomavirus vaccine and cervical cancer screening in the CNMI.

The CCC program is specifically seeking individuals who fit any of the following three categories:

- Women who are 21 65 years of age; ■ Male partners of women ages 21-65
- Parents or guardians of girls (ages 9-18) who are eligible to receive the HPV vaccination

Names and responses of all focus group participants will be kept confidential. This is a voluntary project; lunch and gas vouchers will be provided to all participants, however. The focus group discussion is scheduled for April 27, 2011 from 8:30am to 12pm at the Department of Public Health, Secretary's Conference Room.

For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, contact the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 236-8728. Interested individuals are asked to register for the focus group discussion on or before April 25, 2011. (PR)

#### **CCA** board meeting on April 25

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors will be convening its next monthly meeting on Monday, April 25, 2011, 4:30pm at the Department of Public Health Secretary's conference room. The agenda will include reports from the program manager and board committees, including updates on the CCA's breast

and cervical cancer volunteer outreach training project. All CCA board meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 682-0050 or email cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

#### **Support meeting for cancer** survivors, caregivers

All cancer survivors, their family members, and other caregivers are invited to the next support meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan starting at 5:30pm. This month's support meeting will begin with a presentation on the rights of cancer survivors and caregivers in the workplace, by Tom Thornburgh, project specialist for the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. NMPASI attorney Jeanne Rayphand will also be present to answer questions.

The NMPASI presentation will be followed by breakout discussions in two groups: survivors and caregivers.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email cca@ ccamarianas.org, or call the DPH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at 236-8728. *(CCA)* 

#### **Team Aschoscho to host MMAC** softball tournament

Marianas March Against Cancer's Team Aschoscho will be hosting a coed softball tournament fundraiser from April 30 to May 1, 2011, at the Capital Hill baseball field. The requested donation to register is \$150, and the deadline to register is April 29, 2011. All proceeds will go to the Marianas March Against Cancer. For more information, contact Jerome delos Santos at 989-7456, or Nadia Saralu at 288-1458.

The Aschoscho softball tournament is one of a series of fundraising events hosted by teams of volunteers

Amy Gabriel of Chalan Kanoa, who

walked up Mt. Tapochao along with

friend Erlinda Delos Santos, said she

has been doing the annual trek for six

"As we are all sinners, this climb is

an act of sacrifice and contrition that I

do every year," said Gabriel, 51, who

Deo Manese, who hails from As

Lito, said that the annual trek is not just

a form of sacrifice during Holy Week

but also a time to contemplate about

"When you're up there, there's a

feeling of quietness. It's a time to fo-

cus and relax, a time to reflect and do

soul searching," said Manese who has

climbed up at Mt. Tapochao for the

second year in a row and brought along

"It's my first time to go up and I could see the whole of Saipan," said

the 10-year-old Gabriel, who deemed

the experience as a bonding time with

his father, his mother Loise, and vaca-

Cesar Dumatol, 71, said he would

allow himself to take a break and rest

along the way to finish the exhausting

task of reaching Mt. Tapochao's peak.

up here every year ever since I moved

to Saipan 42 years ago," said Dumatol,

who tagged his 65-year-old wife along

John Lisua, who was with his mother

"It's a time to remember the sacrific-

es of our Lord Jesus Christ and I intend

to pass it on to my future children,"

Teresa Kim, the lieutenant gover-

nor's legal counsel, did the trek with

his husband. Marianas Visitors Author-

ity managing director Perry Tenorio,

and their two younger children in tow.

sacrifice that we do with our children,"

Kim told Saipan Tribune. She noted,

however, that their two older children

who are now working are not present

Tenorio, who said that they will pass

on the tradition to their children, said

the pilgrimage gives "a message of

hope" for the entire island community.

"It's a celebration of life. It's a small

and aunt during the trek, said he never

for the over one-hour journey.

gets tired of doing it every year.

said the 28-year old Lisua.

in this year's celebration.

"It has been my religious vow to go

started the trek at about 5am.

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life.

his son Gabriel.

tioning aunt Estela.

and leading up to the main Marianas March Against Cancer event, which is scheduled for May 13-14, 2011 at Hopwood Junior High School. The Marianas March Against Cancer is the signature fundraising program for the Commonwealth Cancer Association, a nonprofit organization that provides support services for cancer patients and survivors, and promotes cancer awareness, screening, and risk reduction through community outreach programs and partnerships. (CCA)

#### **Reminder to CNMI cancer** survivors

All CNMI cancer survivors are asked to contact Team Courage chair Nora Sablan at FHP Clinic to register for the Marianas March Against Cancer Survivors Dinner on May 13, 2011 at Hopwood. Call Nora at 235-0994 or email norasablan@gmail.com to confirm attendance. (CCA)

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Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said yesterday that while they applaud Sablan's initiative to improve the status of these four groups of people, they think that it's "discriminatory" against many of the long-term foreign workers in the

"We stand on our plight which is

Syed and UWM board chair Ronnie Doca, separately said Sablan's bill discriminates against nonresident workers who have been legally working in the CNMI for much longer years than those foreign workers who, as of May 2008, have U.S. citizen sons and daughters.

They said it is discriminatory to those

who do not have children or those with non-U.S. citizen children.

Florida-based human rights advocate and former Rota teacher Wendy Doromal, in her blog, said while she agrees with upgrading the status of the first three groups of people including CNMI permanent residents and those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, she objects to the "restrictions and selectiveness in the category of long-term foreign workers."

"Omitting certain categories of equally qualifying workers because of their marital status or reproductive status is discriminatory and perhaps unconstitutional," Doromal said.

She asked whether the delegate is saying that "people who are married or people who have U.S. citizen children are in some way more qualified to work and live permanently in the CNMI than foreigners who have lived and worked there the same length of time or longer

and are single, or have foreign children or no children?"

"I find that disturbing and unjust," she added.

Also covered in Sablan's proposed status are the spouses or children, as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II).

Syed, nevertheless, hopes that Sablan's bill will pass U.S. Congress and signed into law.

But he said he also hopes that U.S. Congress will look into the U.S. Department of the Interior recommendation on improved status for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the Fitial administration reserves comment until such time that the bill has been reviewed by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

have been for the purchase and installation of hardware and equipment for a much-improved driver's license program, which is not covered in the Jural contract.

Norita, who is also a former police officer, lawmaker, and executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, previously said he does not own Jural Group, but said he only works for

The CNMI has been granted another \$600,000 federal grant for 2010.

But because the requirements of the previous grant have yet to be complied with, there are concerns that the CNMI could lose altogether the total \$1.2 mil-

The Saipan Tribune filed with the Procurement and Supply Division an Open Government Act request for information related to DPS' proposed sole-source contract award.

Sablan, however, said all documents related to this matter were for-

When Tudela vacated DPS, he was replaced by then Corrections commissioner and now acting DPS commissioner Ray Mafnas. Mafnas has yet to provide access to review the documents related to the proposed sole-

when asked whether Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked DPS to award a contract to Norita's Jural Group, said "no."

ments to Good Friday trekkers along PENITENCE Mt. Tapochao road.

> However, with the surge of trekkers early on, most of the booths packed up even before the celebration concluded.

American Red Cross NMI Chapter, which was the first booth, was manned by some 20 to 25 volunteers, according to Emergency Services director Juan Diego Tenorio.

Tenorio said they distributed water and fruits at their booth.

Members of the United Filipino Organization, which set up its booth near the peak of Mt. Tapochao, distributed free boiled eggs, biscuits, apples, and rice cakes, among others.

#### **Wooden cross**

The Good Friday celebration culminated with the carrying of the wooden cross-made of ironwood and measures over 40 feet in height and about 18 to 20 feet for its crosspiece—from the base of Mt. Tapocho all the way up

Members and volunteers of San Jose Parish spearheaded this year the observance of the annual tradition which dates back to about 40 years.

Excerpts from the Passion of Christ were read while holy rosary songs were sang as over 60 men helped carry the cross up to the peak of Mt. Tapochao where it was erected on a rocky mound.

Fr. Jesse Tudela Reyes of San Jose Parish said that Friday's turnout signifies that the residents' faith is still "very much alive."

"It's a testimony of our faith, to follow the way of the cross, repent our sins, and show our love for the Lord," said Reyes, referring to the observance of Good Friday.

He urged the community to continue practicing the tradition "to bring more people closer to God."

Parish Council president Manny Mangarero, in an interview after the wooden cross was put up in its place, said logistics for the activity was "a nightmare.'

"But we believed that with the Lord's assistance, everything was possible. My faith in Christ made me believe that the job can be done," he said.

Mangarero, who has been the parish council president since he retired from his post as police captain in 2003, said the annual tradition is a form of penance for all the faithful on Saipan.

"It's one of the greatest times to say, 'Lord, I'm sorry for my sins,"" said Mangarero. "With the sacrifice I made today, I hope the world will be a better place."

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green card, pathway to U.S. citizenship," he said.

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The proposed sole-source contract is for the assessment of and management of federal grants for the CNMI's driver's licensing program, among other things, to improve the licensing system.

Sablan told Saipan Tribune that when he disapproved the proposed sole-source contract award to Jural Group, he asked DPS to bid out the contract instead.

The \$65,000 is part of a \$600,000 federal grant that the CNMI government or the Office of Homeland Security received as early as 2009 but the money has remained idle.

That 2009 grant was set to expire in February 2011, which was the reason why former DPS commissioner Santiago Tudela proposed a sole-source contract award in February.

Tudela, in an interview with Saipan Tribune during the weekend, confirmed that he signed off on a proposed solesource contract award to Jural Group "so as not to lose the federal grant." Tudela vacated DPS in March.

Tudela said the proposed sole-source contract to Norita's Jural Group was worth \$65,000.

However, the deadline to commit the \$600,000 federal grant has been extended for another year, or up to February 2012.

This extension could have prompt-

ed the Office of the Attorney General and later on the Procurement and Supply Division to disapprove the proposed sole source contract. Procurement was reportedly initially in support of the sole-source contract but later on disapproved such because there's still enough time to bid out the contract when the deadline was extended.

Tudela confirmed during the weekend that Sablan rejected the sole-source contract proposal in February.

"It (proposed contract) has something to do with the assessment and improvement of the CNMI driver's license program, which will make it in line with the national Real ID plan. The assessment would have resulted in recommendations how to improve the system," Tudela said in an interview.

He said that one of the expected improvements is to have the laminated CNMI driver's license replaced with ATM card-like IDs. The special IDs would have information readily accessible to authorities in the U.S. for security reasons, among other things.

"I signed off on that proposal to award the contract because we were approaching the deadline or we could lose the federal grant. The CNMI's driver's license program has also long been in need of assessment and improvement," he added.

The proposed \$65,000 contract for Jural Group was mostly to help DPS manage and comply with the requirements of the \$600,000 federal grant.

The bulk of the federal grant would

the corporation.

lion in federal grants.

warded to DPS.

source contract.

DPS has yet to bid out the contract. Press secretary Angel Demapan,

#### **Booths**

A number of booths were set up by different organizations to provide refresh-

# Local bill on Saipan casino drawing constitutionality questions

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A local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan is starting to draw questions about its constitutionality.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) pre-filed on Friday

afternoon House Local Bill 17-44, which is the first local bill in CNMI history that seeks to authorize and establish casino gambling in a senatorial district.

But House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) said Torres' proposal is not allowed by the constitution because he said a local law is not a Commonwealth law.

Benavente said in his opinion, even if the language of the constitution is vague, its intent is not and needs to be followed."A local law is not a Commonwealth law," he said.

Article 21 of the NMI Consti-

tution prohibits gambling in the CNMI "except as provided by Commonwealth law or established through initiative in the commonwealth or in any senatorial district.'

But Torres said once signed into local law, his local bill, albeit affecting the Third Senatorial District or Saipan, "is in fact Commonwealth law.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, said he expects that Torres' local bill will spark a constitutional debate.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-

Saipan) said yesterday there should be a public hearing on the local Saipan casino bill "at every precinct here on Saipan."

Other Saipan lawmakers said they have yet to see the local bill and could not comment on it vet.

A House bill passed the House last year but was killed by the Senate. The Senate said if a Saipan casino bill is put to a vote today, it would kill it again.

### Suspected 'ice' trafficker seeks disclosure of govt 'cooperating source'

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A suspected trafficker of methamphetamine or "ice" has moved the Superior Court to order the Office of the Attorney General to disclose the name of the "cooperating source" in the case.

Lin Lin Song, through assistant public defender Richard C. Miller, also asked the court to direct the prosecution to disclose the "cooperat-

ing source's" criminal history and any consideration offered by government agents in exchange for cooperation.

"Disclosure if needed to preserve Ms. Song's rights to have effective assistance of counsel, to confront witnesses against her, and to present an adequate defense at trial," Miller said in

The prosecution and defense counsels agreed to conduct the hearing of the motion on May 9, 2011 at 9:30am.

The Office of the Attorney General is allowed to submit its opposition briefs by Thursday, April 28.

Song and her boyfriend, Hong Wang, were arrested in July 2010 during a buy-bust operation. The "cooperating source" allegedly managed to buy "ice" from Wang inside his car in a parking lot of a store in San Jose.

Song was allegedly in the vehicle with their baby during the alleged drug transaction.

The OAG charged Song and Wang with one count of possession of a controlled substance, one count of trafficking of a controlled substance, one count of conspiracy to trafficking of controlled substance, and one count of child abuse or neglect.

Wang, 28, recently pleaded

guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

In Song's motion, Miller said while the government has a limited privilege with respect to the name and location of confidential informants, the privilege "must give way" where the disclosure "is relevant and helpful to the defense of an accused, or is essential to a fair determination of a cause."

Miller pointed out that the Ninth Circuit of Appeals has consistently found that due process and fundamental fairness require disclosure in cases like Song's where a conviction rested largely on the testimony of a confidential informant who made the buy

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# **CUC** admits open burning of waste materials

#### » Says incinerator can't handle oil filters

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Abe Utu Malae admitted the open burning

of mixed industrial wastes at its power plants but claimed that this was due to the incinerator's inability to handle oil filters.

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"Our incinerator could not handle oily filters and so materials were burned in a makeshift metal container for over a week," Malae told Saipan Tribune.

Malae admitted that the act is not allowed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

However, Malae said that after a citation from EPA, CUC is now in the process of correcting the situation by ensuring that the incinerator can handle such materials or that a certified contractor disposes of the oily material.

Malae admitted that, in his recollection, this was the first time that CUC committed the open burning.

"Not to my knowledge. We were more concerned with preventing oil from contaminating the soil," he added.

Malae also disclosed that EPA is also wary of CUC cleaning "secondary container," or berm.

"EPA also demands that we seek their approval for any idea that comes to mind regarding cleaning, mitigating, or removing oil. For example, if we discuss possible bio-remediation [such as using bacteria to eat up the oil in the soil], they want us to ask them for permission to enter into any discussion with vendors," said Malae.

Meantime, the executive director added that just because the electric base rate increase was put on hold by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, it does not mean that CUC work will be put on hold.

"We will find a way to get the job done," he said, adding that grant funding can help keep the base rate down for consumers.

CPUC rejected the base rate operational expenses.

up any spilled oil even inside a hike petition of CUC last April 15, but approved the 22-percent increase in the current levelized energy adjustment clause, or LEAC. CPUC has claimed that CUC failed to justify the recommended base rate increase but pointed out that the agency can go back to the commission for consideration provided there are sufficient evidence that the proposal is just and reasonable.

> CUC proposed the current electric base charge of \$5.60 monthly for residential customers to increase to \$7.28; while adjusting the base charge for commercial and government from \$7.67 monthly to \$9.97. The increase is to generate \$3.8 million revenue to fund for the agency's stipulated order requirements, repair and maintenance, as well as

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Members of the Team Saipan Health/St. Jude present the Easter basket donation to Guma Esperansa executive director Laurie Ogumoro and shelter worker Rose Masayos last Friday.

# Team Saipan Health/St. Jude donates Easter baskets to Guma Esperansa



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Jude of the Marianas March Against Cancer donated Easter baskets to benefit Karidat's Guma Esperansa or House of Hope, the women's shelter that provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Team members presented the 13 Easter baskets to executive director Laurie Ogumoro and shelter worker Rose Masayos last Friday.

Team captain Natalie Reves, in an interview, said this is the first time that they will donate to Guma Esperansa.

'They're doing a really, really good job in providing care for these women and children," Reyes told Saipan Tribune.

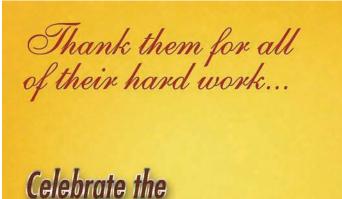
For her part, committee member Selma Salas said the donation was in conjunction with the National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month.

"The team was really willing to give help to all these children so they can celebrate Easter, too," said Salas.

According to Salas, eight Easter baskets were also donated to the Children's Ward at the Commonwealth Health Center.

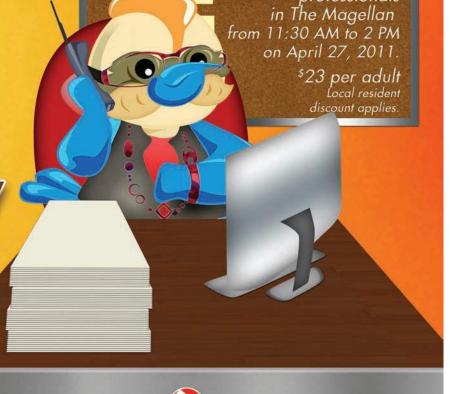
Masayos expressed her appreciation to the team for supporting the women and children at Guma Esperansa who are in need.

"The donation would really make the children and their moms very happy," Masayos said.



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# Finance disburses 182 checks for SHEFA spring 2011 scholars

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Department of Finance last week disbursed 182 checks for Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance scholars for Spring 2011 semester.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofshneider confirmed last

Friday that \$182,800 worth of checks were made available to recipients since Monday. The checks are intended for grant-in-aide scholars under the program.

Hofschneider said there were a total of 447 students who were approved of Spring 2011 financial assistance. With the recent

disbursement from Finance, the administrator said 265 scholars have yet to receive the financial assistance due them. These cover both the field of study and incentive scholars

To date, a total of \$587,000 worth of check assistance is pending for Spring 2011 recipients.

Hofschneider disclosed that

Finance has almost completed the disbursement of financial obligation to Fall 2010 scholars. Only a few students may soon get the delayed assistance pending the decision on some of their appeals.

He said he is hopeful that next batch of checks will soon be disbursed by the department.

"Our priority is to disburse of the government. the assistance to undergraduates first—or those taking a two- and four-year courses," said Hofschneider.

The administrator lauded the effort of the finance department in trying to disburse all the needed scholars' checks despite the current cash-flow problem needed for its operation.

Funds for scholarship program, including SHEFA and CNMI Scholarship, are sourced from the government poker fees' collection.

SHEFA, each year, is allocated \$3 million for scholarship programs, while \$100,000 is

# Sleepless man allegedly threatens family members with screwdriver, metal pipe

A man who had been sleepless for a few days allegedly due to illegal drugs was arrested last week for threatening to hit family members with a screwdriver and metal pipe in San Antonio.

Antonio Indalecio, 28, was detained for disturbing the peace.

The Superior Court imposed

a \$10,000 cash bail for Indalecio's temporary release. Preliminary hearing will be on Thursday, April 28.

Catherine B. Detective Pangelinan stated in her report that police officers responded to a residence in San Antonio last April 16 at noon and arrested Indalecio after receiving a report

about a disturbance.

Pangelinan said the caller informed one of the responding police officers that her nephew, Indalecio, who lives with them, threatened to hit her family members with a screwdriver and metal pipe.

The caller said she was at

work when her 14-year-old daughter called and asked her to come home because Indalecio was going crazy.

The caller learned that Indalecio threatened to hit her daughter with a screwdriver while she was in the living room.

The suspect allegedly threat-

ened to hit her 21-year-old son with a metal pipe while he was in the outside kitchen.

The caller's husband was also in the kitchen when Indalecio grabbed a metal pipe and almost struck him.

The caller told police that Indalecio has a history of violence and drug addiction.

The caller said she saw Indalecio keep on walking in and out of the house so she told him to sleep.

She said Indalecio was probably high on drugs because he could not sleep for four days already. (Ferdie de la Torre)



#### PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Twelfth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Bldg. in Capitol Hill, Saipan.

#### **AGENDA**

#### Preliminary

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes
  - March 16, 2011 Special Board Meeting

#### Public Comments<sup>1</sup>

#### Executive Session<sup>2</sup>

- 1. Legal Updates
- Personnel Other matters

#### IV. Reports

- Chair
- Communication
- **Board Committees**
- Commissioner of Education
  - Financial Status Reports
    - Federal
    - Local
    - iii. Other matters

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

- Head Start Supplemental Grant Application for FY
- Head Start FY 2012 Grant Application
- Head Start Program Self Assessment for 2010 2011
- Head Start Program Community Assessment for 2010 - 2011
- Special Education FY 2012 Grant Application Part B
- Special Education FY 2012 Grant Application Part C
- FTA 2011 Grant Application
- Erate Grant Application Year 14
- San Vicente School Community Based Management Proposal
- 10. BOE PD Fund Reallocation
- 11. Revised PSS Organization & Functional Charts re Alternative Education
- 12. Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies (CCLHS) Month Proclamation

#### VII. Miscellaneous Matters

1. Establishment of Special Committee on Development of COE Evaluation Instrument

#### VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

#### VIX. Adjournment

- 1 Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written
- 2 Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time

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#### **Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**

Office of the Executive Director



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-020

#### LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Administration and Operation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-020, Lease of Office Space CUC's Administration and Operation" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CST) local time on May 19, 2011. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on May 9, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email charles warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

> ABE UTU MALAE **Executive Director**



#### **Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**

Office of the Executive Director



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-025

#### LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR POWER DIVISION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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> ABE UTU MALAE **Executive Director**

# **Ex-senator Atalig** discharged from supervised release

The federal court has ordered that former senator Ricardo S. Atalig, who already completed five years and three months in prison, be discharged from his term of supervised release.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood also ordered on Thursday that the proceedings in Atalig's case be terminated.

Tydingco-Gatewood issued the order based on the U.S. Probation Office's recommendation.

U.S. Probation Officer Maria C. Cruz notified the court that Atalig has complied with the conditions of supervised release imposed by court's order.

Cruz said the period of Atalig's supervised release expired on March 23, 2011.

In August 2003, the federal court sentenced Atalig to five years and three months in prison and ordered him to pay a \$40,000 fine. After completing the jail term, the former senator was also placed on three years of supervised release.

Atalig's conviction on wire fraud charges and sentence stemmed from his hiring of another senators' daughter in exchange for the lawmaker's hiring of his wife. The employees received government payroll even though they did not actually render work. (Ferdie de la Torre)

#### **US Dept of Commerce** invests in NMI tourism

WASHINGTON-U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke recently announced a \$1.5-million U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Water Task Force on the Island of Saipan to make infrastructure improvements to the water system that supplies the Garapan tourist area.

"Through our Economic Development Administration, we provide funding to local communities like those in the Northern Marina Islands to enhance job creation, economic growth and global competitiveness," Locke said. "This EDA grant will strengthen the regional economy by making vital infrastructure improvements that will foster business growth in the tourism industry."

This EDA investment will help to construct a replacement water tank that will prevent water supply disruptions to local small businesses and resort hotels that serve area tourists. The project also replaces a failing one-million-gallon water storage tank and installs a security fence, new piping and valves, and approximately 6,850 square feet of pavement around the tank. (PR)



#### **April 25, 2000**

#### \$100K security deposit helps weed out nuisance investors

While experts have identified three problems arising from the \$100,000 security deposit required from foreign investors, the measure has generally helped the CNMI weed out nuisance or illegitimate businessmen. The Department of Commerce said the bond requirement has served its purpose in screening legitimate foreign investors who are worthy of and qualified to receive long-term business permit from the CNMI government. Commerce officials said the requirement was established due to the abuses of the system in the past wherein investors would show proof that funds were deposited in their account, yet they did not really own those funds. Nuisance investors would normally borrow money and deposit them into their account and return the funds shortly after their longterm business permits have been approved and released.

#### **Students encouraged to read 20,000 books**

Garapan Elementary School students are encouraged to read not one but 20,000 books in a one-month period in observance of its Reading Craze 2000 drive meant to strengthen students' reading skills in the grade school level. The reading campaign started April 3 and will end on April 28, 2000. By latest count, GES students have breezed through some 17,000 books already, according to GES Principal Juan Babauta. "It's our mission, to keep our kids reading. We are beginning to develop reading on the grade level and we have made substantial improvements over the past years," Mr. Babauta said.

#### April 25, 2001

#### Medical account for govt workers eyed

The Legislature is eyeing the installation of a measure that would give government employees flexible spending healthcare accounts to meet their and their dependents' medical needs. Rep. William S. Torres recently introduced the CNMI Public Employee Medical Care Savings Act of 2001 which should allow health care expenses that are not included in the standard CNMI plan to qualify as pre-tax contribution. Mr. Torres pointed out that by establishing the medical savings account, the CNMI government can provide civil service workers a high deductible health plan which are not compensated for by an insurance.

#### **Land designation for farming urged**

There may be an immediate need for the government to designate lands for the sole purpose of farming in order to develop the agriculture potentials of the CNMI. The limited availability of lands in the CNMI should prompt the government to earmark areas that will be exclusively used for farming to encourage agriculture development. "This will help provide more food production areas which will hopefully minimize importation," government officials said. A report from the Division of Public Lands (DPL) disclosed that 51 percent, or 6,200 hectares, of Saipan's total land measurement has been classified as privately owned. Only 1,700 hectares of public lands are presently available.

#### **April 25, 2002**

#### Taiwan asks for NMI support in WHO bid

The Taipei government has asked the 13th Legislature for support in Taiwan's bid to acquire observer status in the World Health Organization. House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider said yesterday that he has already referred the matter to the House Committee on U.S. and Foreign Affairs for the drafting of a resolution in support of this request. In a letter addressed to the Speaker, Director General C.J. Lee of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam said that the European Parliament has already passed a resolution on March 14 this year supporting Taiwan's observer status during this May's annual meeting of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### \$2-M Compact money for THS is merely repayment for Tinian

It is only right that Gov. Juan N. Babauta allocate the \$2 million in Compact Impact money to Tinian since it was Tinian that put up the \$24 million that started the Marianas Public Land Trust fund, which was then used to build housing units for emigrants from the Federated States of Micronesia. Senate Floor Leader Joaquin G. Adriano stressed this point, adding that the money used to construct the housing units on Garapan and Navy Hill for FSM emigrants came from the trust fund generated from the 1978 military leaseback on Tinian.

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# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Health Community Guidance Center



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# PROJECT BRABU

### Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Department of Public Health Community Guidance Center (CGC) Prevention Unit - Project Brabu is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) for eligible communities in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

#### Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.

I. Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG): FY2010 \$400,000

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

- 1.) Build Prevention Capacity and Infrastructure in the CNMI
- 2.) Prevent the Initiation of and Reduce Substance Abuse, Including Childhood and Underage Drinking
- 3.) Reduce Substance Abuse-related Problems
- 4.) Evaluate All Activities

The SPF SIG provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Project Brabu and the State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW):

- 1) Underage Drinking, and/or
- 2) Drinking and Driving

This grant award requires a **Strategic Prevention Framework** to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:

- 1) Assessment: Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
- 2) Capacity: Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
- 3) Planning: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
- 4) Implement: Identify the evidence-based program, policy or practice to be implemented;
- 5) Evaluate: Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

Under the SPF SIG, the assigned percentages are reflected for interested community prevention program applicants:

Approximately 50% of allotted funding to Innovative Programs/Projects Approximately 30% of allotted funding to Education and Outreach Programs Approximately 20% of allotted funding to Cultural and/or Faith-based Programs

The Project Brabu Advisory Council will make the final determination on applications to be awarded based on a point system. The grant application guidelines detail the information required and the points under each of the sections.

All completed applications must be submitted to the CGC Project Brabu's office on Saipan and the CGC Substance Abuse Prevention offices (Rota and Tinian) no later than 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011.

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Project Brabu Office at the Gualo Rai Center, 3rd floor, Suite #304 (Saipan) or the CGC Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian. Also, the application form and guidelines are available on the CGC website at www.cgcspn.net . For more information, please contact Mr. James Arriola at 323-6571/72 or jamesharriola@gmail.com (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com; or Ms. Avery Hocog, Prevention Coordinator (Rota) at 532-6572 or avery\_hocog@yahoo.com.

Pre application workshops are scheduled as follows:

- May 4 (Tinian), TBD
- May 5 (Saipan), TBA
- May 6 (Rota), TBD

These workshops will provide on-site technical assistance in discussing the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) 5-step process, the sub grant components and requirements. The workshops are available to interested community members/agencies and are free of charge.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

# No surprises in Cuba's sixth congress, just same old, same old

bout the only surprise at Cuba's Communist Party Congress that ended Tuesday is that Fidel Castro didn't open his mouth. For once, no hours-long diatribes about the "evils of American imperialism," or the irrational reflections he has been prone to writing in his feeble octogenarian state since he stepped down because of an intestinal illness almost five

The "big news" at the rare meeting was that Fidel's brother Raul, a spry 79, was elected first secretary of the party, replacing 84-year-old Fidel.

Another "news flash" came when the congress tapped Jose Ramon Machado Ventura as the Numero Dos. He's just 80, and potentially the Cuban dictatorship's next "president."

And No. 3 in this crusty lineup?

Ramiro Valdes, the 79-year-old vice president and former interior minister known for his crackdown on all things liberty.

What an exciting bunch! They're sure to make a difference in the lives of Cuba's struggling and jobless youth.

As if.

Let's be clear. We aren't ageist. America has its own obsession with youth, and wisdom certainly is sorely lacking in many of our politicians today, regardless of age and political leanings.

The problem we have with the Cuban regime's "new" cadre of leadership is that they're still partying like it's 1959, when they were the revolutionary comandantes who toppled another dictator with promises of democracy.

Fifty-two years later, Cuba has been ravaged by one failed communist policy after another, and despite Raul Castro's promises of "reforms" nothing really changes because Cuba's rulers in a one-party state control the press, the labor unions, and every aspect of people's lives.

Economic reforms amount to allowing such "techie" jobs without government intervention as shoe shining and fruit peeling. This is progress?

Raul Castro has pretended to chart a new course by warning that the regime cannot afford to pay everyone to pretend to work and calling for up to one million workers to set out on their own, but then delaying the inevitable.

So-called economic reformers have been cast aside, even arrested over the years. The hype about a new group of leaders with new ideas—like 50-year-old Marino Murillo, who is Cuba's latest economic czar, and Lazaro Lopez Acea, the 47-year-old chief of the communist party in Havana, or Lazaro Exposito, the 40-something chief of the party in Santiago—was just that, hype. They remain in the second tier.

Term limits remain Cubans' latest hope—and so does the biological clock.

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# Why I am a changed person

ou have read and heard about the Northern Marianas Trade Institute. But you have not heard from the students who attend the institute how they feel about it and what it is doing to their lives. Therefore please read several letters written by the students themselves and learn their feelings. This is the best proof of the value of NMTI.

After reading these letters if you feel that NMTI is a valuable tool for training our people to become skilled tradesmen, please help us to continue our good work. Daily we are increasingly in need of financial aid and more interested students regardless of age. Let us not wait until the last non-resident worker goes home and then wonder who will built and maintain our houses, our roads, and all the other things we need. This is our community and we must cultivate it.

Mike R. writes: Northern Marianas Trades Institute to me means an opportunity to better myself. It's an opportunity that will payoff in the long run. I enrolled in this institute because I wanted to be a somebody. It's a great experience, one that will benefit my family and me. I think that it's up to us now to work hard and continue to afford this institute and complete the courses. I think it is a once in a life time opportunity to learn all the different trades and apply it to everyday life. So far so good. Can't wait to get better and better each day that passes.

Joe K. says: Before I enrolled at NMTI, I had nothing. I had no plans for my future. All I could think of doing is to try and find a job. This island is honestly not doing good. It is not easy to find a job and if you do, it's no guarantee that you could enjoy and love what you are doing. I'm currently enrolled and now in level 3 of the auto mechanics class. Since I got here I've slowly learned a lot and got a job at CUC. We are attending NMTI with just 2 days a week and I hope that this place will improve and be open for students to attend 4 days week. It could give the students a chance to start something and to start it as soon as possible.'

What does NMTI mean to me? NMTI means a better future for us locals. NMTI gives us great skills and knowledge for the workforce. NMTI is a great opportunity for us locals and everybody else as well," said Mary S.

Joe M. states it this way: As for me NMTI helps me refresh my brain and also I believe that NMTI can find me a job because nowadays some companies don't accept me without experience in any position I apply for. So I believe that if I attend NMTI, I would learn more and also NMTI is a place to prepare before you find a job, or vou can also make vour own businesses. So at NMTI I learn more and more also understand how the economic is nowadays. Especially to all locals they really need to attend NMTI just to find job.

Primo J. writes: It was a pleasure to have you in our occupational knowledge class with Mrs. L. We learn a lot from you regarding employment. I was very glad to hear those very important information you gave the class. I was very impressed when you talked about how we can build self-confidence in ourselves and to like ourselves. To ask ourselves questions regarding our goals. I hope that everyone in our class will continue to improve to reach our goals. I want to thank you for your time that you spend in our class to give us those important information and your words of encouragement, without you, NMTI would never exist and we would never have the chance to reach for our goals. Hoping to hear from you again. Thank you

#### **By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



very much."

Fred T. tells us: NMTI is a good place to be. They give you experience on how to apply for a job. They train you hard because they want you to be a successful person one day. They always encourage us to try our best in everything in our lives. They tell us that education is very important to our lives. Tell us to come to class on time. Tell us that our school is our responsibility to us a better person one day.

Frank S. writes: What does NMTI mean to me? NMTI is a place that people are jobless and want to find a job somewhere out there. Also NMTI is a place where you want to have experience. This is the best place where you can get training for those people who want a job and what kind of job their looking for. That's why NMTI is the best place to have training.

Derek D. says: Northern Marianas Trades Institute means a lot to me. First it keeps me busy when I was not working nor going to school. It is hard to find job when I don't have the skills what and when I am applying. Most of the jobs that I like is in the tourism industry. I've been applying and all I got is no respond. I keep myself busy in this trade school not only to change my life but also busy feeding my brains in a really hard field, but it is always fun too.

"Secondly the instructor, consoler is very passionate that they motivate me to keep coming even when the hardest time in life occurred. The instructor teaches what really is important in the tourism industry especially in the hotel business. We even have a chance to work and do first hand in the hotel. It is really important for me to continue my career and again to change my life. There is more I want to share but I make it short. I promise myself and I will make it happen," added Derek D.

Sarah M. expresses herself: NMTI is the answer for the fulfillment of my dreams and goals in life. Someday I want to be a successful restaurant operator. That's why I learning culinary art in this institution. It enhances and improves my cooking skills and knowledge about food service operation. What can I ask from an institution like this that is devoted on helping out students to learn trade skills that will change their future.

These are only a few of the letters the students have written. It is a joy to see students change after attending NMTI after a few months. These students are hungry for motivation and attention. They are loaded with skills and talent, but no one has ever taken the time to cultivate these talents. As I have repeatedly stated, we have so much talent and skills just waiting to be given the chance to prove it.

Please encourage your sons and daughters and anyone else you know that is interested in developing a skill or in learning a trade to enroll. Financial aid is available. Just a sincere desire to learn is all that is needed. Come visit us soon.

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# Hallelujah chorus at the Empty Tomb

ther than the daffodils and the bunnies (Hugh Hefner's and the Hallmark Hall of Eggs), Easter is not a Hollywood happy ending. In fact, the image of the empty tomb harks to the power of negation in western civilization rather than as a blueprint for the days ahead.

In the western mind, we posit an ideal and measure our actuations on the images we design to approximate that ideal. Utopian dreamers abound, both for those who long for golden ages of bygone eras failing to abide in the present, and those who actively pursue their ideal as something that awaits them at the bend to assuage their conscience that the perceived present mess will straighten out in the future. We call those who yearn for and pattern things to the wisdom of the past, conservatives; those who insist on ushering the divine imperative of their future, liberals.

In Christendom's Holy Roman Empire with Amerika as its latest incarnation, Easter is the pinnacle of the triumph of the good over evil, as well as the redemption of individual shortcomings for another shot at transforming the old into the new. "Behold, I make all things new," is the mantra of those who cling to chivalrous charity and oligarchic benevolence; it is also the justification of those who will beckon Armageddon to facilitate social transformation at a more rapid pace.

In the seed of the Persian dichotomy of the eternal conflict between light and darkness (an understandable Aegean metaphor), the focus got stuck in the clash, a battle unto death, methodologically formulated in the Hegelian dialectic of the thesis v. antithesis resulting in a new synthesis (that then becomes the new thesis, the process repeating itself into the evolutionary march ad infinitum). This is embedded in the desert ethos of the Judeo-Christian-Moslem traditions. Rabbinic hope of next year in Jerusalem in the midst of diaspora, Sanvitores' in Hagatna did not mind martyrdom because it ensured his reservations in heaven, and young jihadists wrap incendiaries on to their bodies on their way to explosive oblivion since numerous maidens await their arrival in paradise. There is surety and confidence in the rightness of one's cause.

Across the Dardanelles heading southeast, and the Gobi dessert straight far east, this passion for significance takes on a different quality. Nirvana is attained by an autistic repetition of something mundane to attain ennui and effortless inertia. The beating of the drums that expresses bottled energy, and the discipline of martial arts that curtails aggression, are Japanese, Korean and Chinese abnegation of the attainment of selfhood, an ardent knowing without certitude and doing without assurances, the balance and harmony at the pivot point of the yin-yang.

(Parenthetically, Anshallah is willfulness before nothing, and Om/Amen are tonal expressions of simultaneously embracing the One and the All so that the detail of the specific disappears. Nothingness embodies awe and mystery itself.)

Easter, in fact, is just the first day of spring. It is total wipe out. Tabula rasa (blank or erased slate) reigns. All bets are off on anything before sunrise. The ice melts and any on-going revolutionary (radical), evolutionary (incremental), and imaginal (paradigm) change can start all over again. Western activism created the Passion of the Christ and its built-in anxieties, and in it, a resurrection from the dead, not so much as an epilogue after the empty tomb, as it is Act III culminating in the symphony of a tabernacle orchestra in the exuberant and celebrative strains of the Hallelujah Chorus.

While Brussels tightly tiptoes through the tulips, the Indo-Aryan ensemble drowns in the deafening percussion of crescendoing Ravel's Bolero, or bask in the triumphal 1812 overture! It is unfortunate that the Christian story of the Way Life Is (YHWH), deteriorated into an idolatry of its lead performer whose only possible utterance at the cross, according to Gospel writer Mark, was the cry of nothingness: eli eli lema sabaqtani, "life force, life

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force, why ebb away from me?"

"When it is nothing, absolutely nothing, then it is everything," D. H. Lawrence later mused on the reality of the new heaven and the new earth. The options are wide open; a choice waits to be made; we only have to decide.

My peers are still stuck on scribal bibliolatry – inviolability of the Koran, inerrancy of the written Word, memorizing mantras, seeking authority from the Sutras, genuflecting before Scriptures—rather than heed the living truth as witnessed by the authenticity of life experience, from the logos that "lights every person who comes into this earth." My Chinese students begin our Oral English class with: "This is the day we have; we can live this day or throw it away, this is the day we have." They can choose each day to live the resurrected life!

The Jesus of my devotion, following Mark, wants to meet his followers back in Galilee after Jerusalem. It is a message to be new all over again, regardless of what Golgotha held. The empty tomb is bereft of coercive powers, it offers only the option to choose the force of life. This leads me to believe, our rituals and rites notwithstanding, that resurrection is a factual reality of ordinary existence, and it does not happen once a year; it is the character of every sunrise and a live option we can choose daily the rest of our lives. We can live this day, or throw it away. Indeed, Easter is the only day we have!

# Dibinan Kalagtos Na Machete

salape gi 'nos kuantos na programan federat, kontodu ayu siha 'nai sumasaunau iya Marianas. I Presidente as Obama ilelegña na siña machogue lau gi hilu dispasiu na planu para u fan gai tiempu i buminififisia man-mamatinas tinilaika gi haanen niha. I republican gi Congresson Estados Unidos de Amerika mas didog ha gagagau na initut este siha na programa.

ada ratu oppan gi gaseta planon para ma-utot ayudun

Guaha mreritu gi todu atmos banda lau mas ha' dañosu para Marianas i planon republican. Geftau si Obama ya parehu geftau lokue i repubican lau i tatatte malago mas areglu pot para u siña umapase i federat dibiña siha para mona.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

# Look at the whole picture

How many times do we have to be hearing about casinos in Saipan? Isn't the voice of the people right or not?

For the people and the leaders who are still very eager to have a casino on Saipan, can we look at the whole picture? I know that there is no point in beating a dead horse but is the horse really dead? Maybe not.

Who will the casino bring in? Tourists? Remember tourists, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and Russians, others, visit the CNMI for what reason. How often do we hear tourists comment on wanting to go to Managaha or go to a casino? Visit tourist sites or visit a casino? Go parasailing, diving or go to a casino? Who will benefit? Is it a revenue-generating source that will increase the number of tourists to the CNMI?

Casino investors will bring in money, great. Initially. But what is going to happen afterwards? If the casinos will really bring in more tourists, then I urge our leaders to speak to tourists and find out what they really want.

If I have offended anyone then all I suggest is that you speak to the tourists. The way I see it is that the people of the CNMI will be the ones availing of a casino. How is that going to generate revenue?

Please, I am asking our leaders to think about the greater good for the majority of the CNMI and nothing less.

John Aguon Papago

Huñgan, taya neñkano mapapañut sin mañgañgas ya seguruyu na siempre umañgañgas este na planu lau solu dispues de eleksion presidenten America. Kalagtos macheten niha na biahe, lau sige lokue gi un' banda si Presidente Obama de hana' malagtos (ñañu) i mismu machete.

Yangin guaguan pagu i gaselina, hoñgge-yu' na siempre u inipos \$7 kada gallon gi mahuchum eskuela pagu na bakasion. Este na subrida mas makat para mayotmente giya hita sa' todu gastu manhinatsa hulu gigon mas mana' guaguan este na attikulu ginen i nasion siha ni prumududuse mata' laña.

'Nai mattu gi fakterian laña (oil refinery), mahatsa mas hulu presiuña ya mas kahulu' 'nai mattu gi gas station. Todu biradan este na subrida fuetsau ha choneg hulu' presiun nesessidat siha. Gi karera mona, lamegai empleau umana' fan para pot para u siña i bisnis siha mañgalamten. Makat na tiru parehu ha' para i bisnis, empleau i tautau siha.

Si Presidente Obama debi u oppe hafa na timalago' na umaproduse laña ginen plaset laña siha giya America. Siña ha' komprendiyon intensionña lau makat I mamadedese unna' kontentu. Dispues, debi si Kilili' yan man-ma'gasta siha guine umatutuon mabomba iya Washington na mampos makat i tafafana' piot hit gi hiyong ridondun primet komunidat America.

#### Ti komprendiyon i mampos i man-ma'gasta mañgontentu gi man-distrosiau na asuntu ni fumafana' tano'ta na biahe. Ni tampoku planu para umaketuñgu' hafa guaha, hafa mamamaila', yan manu

na koyentura siña mafalague pot ausiliu. Kulan manotohge gi hilu yanu na plaset mananañga finatton dañgkulu na hinalom tasi. Matuñgu na sumen peligru lau ni sikiera u makaikai' siha para umanotisia publiku ni mamamaila' na ira. Kau

magahet na patte este gi promesan politika i para u fan mama' i taguan 'nai guaha ira fumalalague i tano?

#### WHY

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We must decide for once and for all. Are we willing to learn how to work and are we willing to work? When we honestly answer this basic question we will be able to develop a strong skilled and trained local labor force.

#### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

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Guaha prinipone para ta ta'lon bumisita relasionta yan America. Hu ta'lon rumipasa i kontratan i Covenant para bai ke lie' manu 'nai lotgun i federat. Esta mamahlau-yu 'nai hu soda' na problema gaige lamayot patte giya hita. Pues, dimas mohon de ta sige chumalegua' sekosta, mas benefisiosu yangin tana' fan satton hit kabales yan hunestamiente gi eksision direchota gumubietnan maise gi hilu antau na manera.

Dispues, repara sa' i primet asuntun todu atmos bandan politika giya Washington pot para uma-utot amanu siña todu gaston fondun federat. Yangin u felis este na ginagau pues kumeke ilegña na todu ma-utot na fondu ha biragu halom giya hita man-responsable sumudae' fondoña programa siha ni man-ma-utot fondun niha. Guaha mohon nuebu na fondu para este siha?

Deste finatton Españot guine, umeyag i natibu hafa kombeni yan justisiau na tinilaika siha para u guaha pas gi entalo mismu tautauta. I Manachañg hagas matrata kumu esklabu ya ni tanu' ti masede. Ha tulaika este na areglu I Españot ya hana' fan parehu todus.

Pot antau na disision ni mas muna' fitme inafamauleg gi entalu natibu, todus umaksepta sa mauleg para i natibu. Estague' na tinilaika 'nai umeyag I natibu areglun publiku 'nai todus mana' fan parehu sa' parehu tautau. Kau un' chanda este na areglu gi priniponen para umana' suha Attikulu Dose kosake todus sudadanon Amerikanu u fan parehu direchon niha?

We will also regain our personal pride. How long can we continue living the lie within ourselves knowing that we are parasites waiting for a handout because we are too lazy to work? Do we feel pride when we drive by stores which have huge signs outside screaming: WE ACCEPT FOODSTAMPS! Show me another city that so bluntly boasts this fact!

Remember a country is only as strong as its skilled and trained workforce. Now is the time to do it! Come join us!

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# The Weather

#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Fast winds 10 to 15 mph.

**▲86° ▼76°** 

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds

15 to 20 mph. ▲ 87° ▼ 76°

#### WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

**▼76°** 

**▲87°** 



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

**▲ 87° ▼ 76°** 



Partly cloudy with

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isolated showers.

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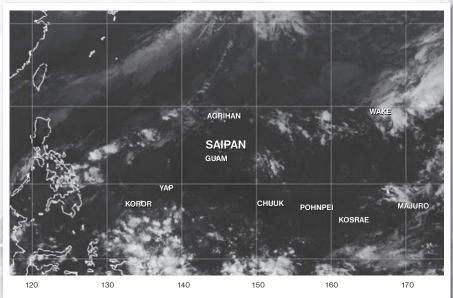
#### **Micronesia**

Guam and Rota	<b>▲</b> 87	▼81	
Palau	Rain	<b>≜</b> 88	<b>▼</b> 78
Yap	Showers	<b>▲</b> 90	<b>▼</b> 77
Chuuk	Showers	<b>≜</b> 82	<b>▼</b> 78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	<b>▲</b> 85	<b>▼</b> 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	<b>≜</b> 88	<b>▼</b> 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	<b>▲</b> 87	<b>▼</b> 77

#### Around The Globe

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Auckland	Showers	<b>▲</b> 63	▼58
Beijing	Showers	<b>≜</b> 68	₹45
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 79	▼71
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 81	<b>▼</b> 73
London	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 73	₹50
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 73	<b>▼</b> 56
Manila	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 89	₹78
Melbourne	Sunny	<b>▲</b> 72	<b>▼</b> 46
Miami	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 86	₹75
New York	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 63	<b>▼</b> 56
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 68	▼52
Paris	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 71	<b>▼</b> 48
Pusan	Showers	<b>▲</b> 63	₹55
Rome	Showers	<b>▲</b> 69	<b>▼</b> 53
Salem	Rain	<b>▲</b> 54	₹45
San Francisc	o Showers	<b>≜</b> 58	₹49
Seoul	Showers	<b>▲</b> 59	₹48
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 68	<b>▼</b> 50

#### Yesterday's Satellite Image



#### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line runs southwestward from 25N180 to Wake Island then continues west to end near the far Northern Marianas at 20N145E. Converging winds ahead of the shear line are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 120 miles of a line from 18N160E to 19N170E to 25N180. A surface trough extends southwestward from Iwo To island to beyond 130E at 13E. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found north of Koror and Yap within 120 miles of a line from 14N132E to 19N144E. Converging east winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Yap and Koror within 100 miles of a line from 3N133E to 5N140E. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Kwajalein at 14N171E. Upper-level divergence southeast of the low is generating extensive cloudiness and isolated thunderstorms near Majuro between 13N and 5N from 170E to 179E. Converging trade winds are causing scattered showers to develop over Butaritari and Tarawa atolls between 3N and the equator from 164E to 174E.

#### **Tides** Saipan Harbor 22:31 AM Today High Tide: 1.7 Feet Low Tide: 8:06 AM Today 12:22 PM Today High Tide: 1.5 Feet 7:58 PM Today Low Tide: 0.2 Feet

Washington, DC Thundershowers ▲83 ▼66

Sun	rise/Suns	et
Today	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Tuesday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Wednesday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM

Today	11:27 AM	12:11 PM
Tuesday	1:09 AM	1:01 PM
Wednesday	1:48 AM	1:49 PM
Thursday	2:24 AM	2:36 PM
Friday	3:00 AM	3:22 PM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan			•	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota			·	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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#### NMI CRIME **STOPPERS**

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone ■ \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

or 235-2769, or fax 235-3740.

# 'Commonwealth can develop heritage tourism'

clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The CNMI has a huge potential in heritage tourism, according to Dr. Jennifer McKinnon of Flinders University in Australia.

"Heritage tourism is people coming to the island specifically for the history or coming to the island with interest in... going on visiting historical sites so it can generate money and funding," explained McKinnon.

McKinnon, who is also the Director of Studies of the university's Department of Archaeology, held a presentation on underwater historical trails at the American Memorial Park Friday night.

According to McKinnon, heritage tourism on Saipan can be developed through the various existing heritage trail sites.

"An indigenous heritage trail would be fantastic to capture the indigenous maritime lifeways that are on the island," she told Saipan Tribune.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

for the College's programs and

services. The golf tournament

is the organization's main fund

raising event. Funds previously

raised have been used to build

the English Language Institute

in building M that also houses

the Department of Languages

and Humanities and furnished it

"G4S is proud to be a con-

tinuous supporter of the NMC

Foundation and to assist in rais-

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The 9th Annual Foundation

Open golf tournament will be

held at the Saipan Laolao Bay

Golf & Resort (west course) on

tant for G4S.

with brand new computers.

Dr. Jennifer McKinnon of Flinders University gestures during her presentation about underwater trail sites at the American Memorial Park Visitors

Since she started coming out to the CNMI in 2007, McKinnon said she has worked on some 25 to 30 underwater sites.

McKinnon described the underwater trail sites in the CNMI as "fantastic."

"They're great sites to visit. [But] there are impacts from people visiting the sites," said McKinnon. Among the issues affecting these sites are anchor damage, human impact, erosion, and development.

McKinnon said looting of archaeological sites is an international problem, with illegal antiquities trade estimated as a \$4-5 billion a year industry next to narcotics and arms.

She encouraged not just the divers but the public to take ownership of these sites and serve as its stewards by "keeping an eye" on these site and reporting infractions.

"They own [these sites]. They need to take care of them," she added.

There are six flights and the

first place prize for all six is a

roundtrip to anywhere Con-

tinental flies in Asia and Mi-

cronesia with \$500 cash prize,

while second place is \$300 and

third is \$200. The six categories

are: Championship, A, B, C, la-

there are significant hole-in-one

prizes for the lucky golfer who

For information on how to do-

nate to the NMC Foundation or to

register to play, log on to www.

nmcnet.edu or call 234-5498 at

extension 1050. The fee is \$95

per person. Registration forms

can be downloaded or picked

In addition to the flight prizes,

dies, and seniors.

makes the shot.

follow a medal play format.

# G4S donates \$2,000 to NMC Foundation

In its ongoing efforts to support CNMI students and their educational goals, G4S Security Services recently donated \$2,000 to the NMC Foundation. The donation was made in support of the 9th Annual Foundation Open golf tournament that will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Saipan Laolao Golf & Resort (west course).

"G4S has been a staunch supporter of the NMC foundation's efforts," said Ivan Quichocho, vice president of the NMC Foundation. "We thank them for their commitment to helping raise funds for the higher education."

The NMC Foundation is a committee of community volunteers committed to raising funds



From left: Anthony Gomez, Business Development Manager of G4S; Moises Pangelinan, and Kathy Casil, G4S operations manager present Ivan Quichocho, vice president of the NMC Foundation, center, with the check for \$2,000 in support of the 9th Annual Foundation Open golf tournament slated for April 30 at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

# UOG Board of Regents renews Underwood's contract

of Regents voted during their April 21 meeting to renew UOG president Robert A. Underwood's contract through 2014.

"We are confident in Dr. Underwood's leadership and his ability to move the university forward over the next three

**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS** 

The University of Guam Board years," said P. Sonny Ada, chairman of the Board of Regents. "The university has achieved many positive milestones in the last several years including enrollment growth, a significant increase in grants and contracts, accreditation, and a sixth year of low-risk auditee status. The

board looks forward to another engage in research that is meanpositive period of growth and accomplishments under Underwood's

leadership." "I am grateful to the Board of Regents for their confidence and I will continue to work with the excel-

lent faculty, staff, and admin- ez, vice chairman; and Cynistrators at UOG to ensure that thia Henson, treasurer. These we provide quality education officers will serve one-year to our students and continue to terms. (UoG)



Underwood

ingful to our island and our region," said Underwood.

For the third consecutive year, the board also voted to install the following slate of officers: P. Sonny Ada, chairman; W. Chris Per-

Saturday April 30, 2011 with a up at the NMC Cashier's Office, show time of 6am and a shotgun Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Restart at 7am. The tournament will sort, or Triple J Motors. (PR)

> NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION **INVITATION FOR BID**

(This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds.) BID SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 26, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 AM

#### NMHC IFB 2011-R-001 "CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAIPAN LEADERSIP **MEMORIAL KIOS KU PROJECT, PHASE III"**

Proposal packets will be available on March 29, 2011, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011, at the proposed project site in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, across the U.S. Post Office.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestanth (CDBG-R) funding provided to the Commonwealth that mandates ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE BUILDING/WORK MUST BE MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED IN THE UNITED

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer /s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director

#### **PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-CRM-083

SUBMISSION: MAY 18, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

#### "ORGANIZATION CAPACITY ASSESSMENT **FOR THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE**"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT IS AVAILABLE AT THE CRM FRONT DESK OR CAN BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY BY CONTACTING CRM AT (670) 664-8305, OR BY EMAILING  $\underline{\textit{rachel.zuercher@crm.gov.mp}}$ 

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MAY BE FAXED TO MS. RITA C. CHONG AT (670) 664-8315 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS,  $\underline{MAY\,11,\,2011.}$ 

PUBLIC LAW 15-95 LOCAL PREFERENCE ACT, AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118, DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT.

/s/ RITA C. CHONG-DELA CRUZ DIRECTOR, CRM



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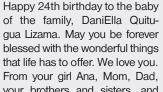
#### **NMHC IFB 2011-005** "NMHC TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE"

Proposal packets will be available on April 11, 2011, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 26, 2011, at

Marcie M. Tomokane

Herman S. Sablan, Director Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer Division of Procurement & Supply





Happy 14th birthday to Clayton your brothers and sisters, and Brett! We love you so much. Greetings from Chad, Nin, Sia, your nieces and nephews from and Fatcakes.

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# **Business**

# **Costly gasoline clouds Obama re-election prospects**

WASHINGTON (AP)—With gas prices climbing and little relief in sight, President Barack Obama is scrambling to get ahead of the latest potential obstacle to his re-election bid, even as Republicans are making plans to exploit the issue.

No one seems more aware of the electoral peril than Obama himself.

"My poll numbers go up and down depending on the latest crisis, and right now gas prices are weighing heavily on people," he told Democratic donors in Los Angeles this past week.

In fact, Obama raised the issue unsolicited in a series of town meetings in Virginia, California and Nevada that were ostensibly about his deficit-reduction plan. And he made the gas spike the subject of his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday.

"It's just another burden when things were already pretty tough," he said.

As Obama well knows, Americans love their cars and remain heavily dependent on them, and they don't hesitate to punish politicians when the cost of filling their tanks goes through the roof. Indeed, for presidents, responding to sudden surges is a



Gas prices at the pump are displayed at a gas station in Stoneham, Mass., Friday, April 22, 2011.

recurring frustration.

"These gas prices are killing you right now," Obama said at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, acknowledging that many Americans can't afford new fuel-efficient cars and must drive older models.. For some, he said, the cost of a fill-up has all but erased the benefit of the payroll tax holiday that he and congressional Republicans agreed on last December.

On Saturday, Obama insisted in his radio and Internet address that the best answer is a long-term drive to develop alternatives to fossil fuel. He also renewed calls to end \$4 billion in subsidies for oil and gas companies. "Instead of subsidizing yesterday's energy

Republicans contend that high gas prices are the inevitable result of an administration they accuse of stifling domestic drilling, and which placed new curbs on offshore exploration after last spring's disas-

sources," he said, "we need to invest in tomorrow's."

trous BP oil spill. "The administration has declared what can only be described as a war on American energy," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"Obama is vulnerable on gas prices and the Republicans have and will exploit this as a wedge issue," said James Thurber, who directs the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University.

Legislative aides report House Republicans are considering a series of hearings and floor votes on measures to boost domestic oil and gas production when Congress returns from its Easter break.

Meantime, Obama has ordered his Justice Department to form a task force to look for fraud or manipulation in the oil markets. It will "root out" any abuses, he told a town meeting in Reno, Nev. The president is among those who've said the surging price for crude is caused by worries about political upheaval in the Arab world and increasing demand from China and elsewhere

Still, Americans have a tradition of holding the party in power responsible for rising gas costs.

Obama's focus on the issue came as a New York Times/ CBS News poll published

Thursday found that 70 percent of the public believes the country is headed in the wrong direction. That followed a March AP-GfK survey reflecting widespread discontent over the economy, with just 15 percent seeing an economic improvement the previous month. Through the spring, Obama's approval numbers in several polls have slipped.

"Gas prices are a major factor in his slide ... along with unemployment and his talk about cuts and tax increases to deal with deficits and debt," Thurber said.

The national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline is currently \$3.84, almost a dollar higher than a year ago. In many places, it's well over \$4.

The gas price debate has a sense of deja vu to it, Obama notes. Vows to end dependence on expensive oil imports go back to Richard Nixon's "Project Independence", a 1973 response to the Arab oil embargo, and this has been a popular refrain by presidents of both parties over the last 40 years.

"Whenever gas prices shoot up, like clockwork, you see politicians racing to the cameras, waving three-point plans for two dollar gas," Obama said in Saturday's address. But when prices subside, those plans are quietly shelved.

# US default could be disastrous choice for economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has never defaulted on its debt and Democrats and Republicans say they don't want it to happen now. But with partisan acrimony running at fever pitch, and Democrats and Republicans so far apart on how to tame the deficit, the unthinkable is suddenly being pondered.

The government now borrows about 42 cents of every dollar it spends. Imagine that one day soon, the borrowing slams up against the current debt limit ceiling of \$14.3 trillion and Congress fails to raise it. The damage would ripple across the entire economy, eventually affecting nearly every American, and rocking global markets in the process.

A default would come if the government actually failed to fulfill a financial obligation, including repaying a loan or interest on that loan. The government borrows mostly by selling bonds to individuals and governments, with a promise to pay back the amount of the bond in a certain time period and agreeing to pay regular interest on that bond in the meantime.

Among the first directly affected would likely be money-market funds holding government securities, banks that buy bonds directly from the Federal Reserve and resell them to consumers, including pension and mutual funds; and the foreign investor commu-

nity, which holds nearly half of all Treasury securities.

If the U.S. starts missing interest or principal payments, borrowers would demand higher and higher rates on new bonds, as they did with Greece, Portugal and other heavily indebted nations. Who wants to keep loaning money to a deadbeat nation that can't pay its bills?

At some point, the government would have to slash spending in other areas to make room for any further sales of Treasury bills and bonds. That could squeeze payments to federal contractors, and eventually even affect Social Security and other government benefit payments, as well as federal workers' paychecks.

A default would likely trigger another financial panic like the one in 2008 and plunge an economy still reeling from high joblessness and a battered housing market back into recession. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke calls failure to raise the debt limit "a recovery-ending event." U.S. stock markets would likely tank—devastating roughly half of U.S. households that own stocks, either individually or through 401(k) type retirement programs.

Eventually, the cost of most credit would rise-from business and consumer loans to home mortgages, auto financing and credit cards

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Sony chairman credited with developing CDs dies

TOKYO (AP)—As a young man, aspiring opera singer Norio Ohga wrote to Sony to complain about the quality of its tape recorders. That move changed the course of his life, as the company promptly recruited the man whose love of music would shape the development of the compact disc and transform the Japanese electronics maker into a global software and entertainment empire. Sony's president and chairman from 1982 to 1995, Ohga died Saturday in Tokyo of multiple organ failure, the company said. He was 81. Ohga's connection to music steered his work. The flamboyant music connoisseur insisted the CD be designed at 12 centimeters (4.8 inches) in diameter to hold 75 minutes worth of music—in order to store Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in its entirety.

#### Amazon still trying to fix computer problems

Amazon.com is still trying to restore computers used by other websites as an outage stretched into a third day. Besides selling books and DVDs, Amazon.com Inc. rents out space on computers that run other websites and online ser-

vices. One of its data centers in Virginia began having problems on Thursday morning. Amazon said Saturday that it is making progress fixing the problem, but more slowly than it had hoped. News-sharing site Reddit appeared to be functioning again. On its website, Amazon said it removed some bottlenecks that prevented connections from its Virginia center, but an additional issue was holding up restoring all remaining connections. The company's so-called "cloud" services in Northern California are operating normally. (AP)

#### **Report: Myanmar set** to ink intl energy contracts

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)— Myanmar's state oil firm is set to sign contracts with companies from China, Singapore and South Korea for oil and gas exploration, state media reported Saturday. The staterun New Light of Myanmar newspaper noted the upcoming deals in a report on a "special projects implementation meeting" headed by President Thein Sein on Friday in the capital, Naypyitaw. The report cited Energy Minister Than Htay saying Myanmar will cooperate with foreign companies for oil and gas exploration.

#### FAA falls short on plan to aid fatigued workers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The And an FAA committee that portation Safety Board Federal Aviation Administration told a government watchdog nearly two years ago that it was prepared to let air traffic controllers sleep or rest during work shifts when they weren't directing aircraft. It still hasn't happened.

When the FAA proposed new limits on airline pilots' work schedules to prevent fatigue last year, it rejected its own research recommending that pilots be allowed to take naps during the cruise phase of flight—typically most of a flight when the plane is neither climbing nor descending-so that they are refreshed and alert during landings.

has been working for several years on new work rules to prevent fatigue among night-shift airline mechanics has made little progress, said one committee member. Allowing naps during breaks on overnight shifts was dismissed as a nonstarter.

In a 24/7 industry like aviation, fatigue is a fact of life. Managing work schedules to minimize fatigue can make the difference between life and death. There have been 14 aviation accidents with 263 fatalities since 1993 in which fatigue was cited as the cause or a contributing factor, according to the National Trans-

Yet the FAA has struggled unsuccessfully for decades to revamp workplace rules for controllers, pilots and mechanics despite a consensus that fatigue is one of the industry's most pressing safety issues. While recognizing the problem is easy, developing workable solutions acceptable to airlines, labor unions and government regulators is tough. Money is a factor. So are public perceptions.

The issue has taken on a new urgency after at least five recent incidents of controllers falling asleep on the job while working overnight shifts. In two cases, controllers have been fired.

"It's tough to see controllers facing firing when the problem of (midnight) shift sleep deprivation has been acknowledged by the FAA," said Rick Perl, a retired controller in Oxnard, Calif. "Sacrificial lambs is how it feels to me."

In a sixth incident, a controller working an overnight shift was suspended for watching a movie on a portable DVD player while he was supposed to be monitoring air traffic. Present and former controllers have told The Associated Press that it's not unusual for controllers on overnight shifts at radar facilities when traffic is light to watch movies, play online poker, and read magazines to help them stay awake.

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# **Nation**

# Tornado cleanup starts quickly in St. Louis area

splintered homes covered the ground in neighborhoods around St. Louis, while topped trees and overturned cars littered lawns and driveways. From the air, one home looked like a dollhouse that had had its roof lifted off. Looking down, the dining room table and other contents could be seen, damp in lingering rain.

Amid such damage, officials appeared awed that a tornado that roared through the area Friday night, striking the airport and several nearby suburbs, hadn't seriously injured anyone.

"It almost feels like a little bit of divine intervention when you look at the devastation," said Gov. Jay Nixon, who flew over the area to survey the damage.

Nixon said President Barack Obama pledged federal assistance Saturday during a phone conversation. Some 750 homes in the St. Louis region were damaged, and less than 100 were uninhabitable, the governor said.

Cleanup swung into full gear Saturday. With the din of chain saws and pounding hammers in the background, homeowners sifted through wreckage while

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Debris from crews scrambled to restore power to the 26,000 customers still without it.

> At Lambert, workers boarded up windows and swept up glass in the main terminal, where the twister had torn off part of the roof and blown out half of the large, plate-glass windows. The domed design of the main terminal, dating to the mid-1950s, was the handiwork of Minoru Yamasaki, the Modernist architect of New York City's World Trade Center twin towers toppled in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The airport reopened Saturday night for a handful of arriving flights, and officials expected around 70 percent of the scheduled arrivals and departures to go on as planned early Sunday. The damaged concourse was likely to remain closed for up to two months.

"We're not going to have the prettiest airport tomorrow, but we will have an operating airport," airport director Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge said.

Insurance adjusters converged in nearby Maryland Heights and Bridgeton, where roofers were going door to door



"I am just glad no one was hurt," said Cherly Schlater of Maryland Heights, who salvages what is left of her grandson's room along Diane Marie Drive in Maryland Heights, Mo., Saturday, April 23, 2011.

to offer free temporary repairs.

"It's crazy - like something you'd see in a movie," Tim Kreitler, 27, said as he helped a neighbor clean up in Bridgeton.

Vivi Magana, 17, and her parents were trying to clean up the mess at their Bridgeton home,

where a huge tree in the front yard had been pulled out by the roots. An even larger tree in the back was split down the middle. A sliding glass door was shattered, and holes were in the roof.

Magana said the family was in the living room Friday night

Those documents comple-

ment newspaper birth an-

nouncements published soon

after Obama's Aug. 4, 1961

birth and a "certification of live

birth" released by the Obama

campaign three years ago, the

only type of birth certificate the

So-called "birthers" claim

state issues.

when her mother heard a roar of wind. As they rushed to the basement, Magana saw a lawn chair smash through the glass door. They emerged when the wind stopped.

"Everyone was screaming to make sure we were all OK,"

he has investigators in Hawaii

searching for more information.

said they're investigating for

Donald Trump," said Depart-

ment of Health spokeswoman

Janice Okubo, who acknowl-

edged they could've come in

without identifying themselves

"Nobody has come in and

A spokeswoman for Southwest Airlines Co. said one of its planes was damaged when the wind pushed a conveyor belt for loading baggage into it. Five other planes on the ground when the tornado hit were OK, spokeswoman Marilee McInnis said. Southwest—the biggest carrier at Lambert, with 85 departures per day-canceled all St. Louis flights through 4 p.m. Saturday

American Airlines, which operates out of the heavily hit main terminal, said four of its planes were damaged, two of them significantly. Crosswinds of 80 mph buffeted one plane that was taxiing in from a landing when the tornado hit, and that plane was being checked for possible damage to its landing gear, spokesman Ed Martelle said. American canceled 51 flights on Saturday, five dozen on Sunday and its first seven Monday morning.

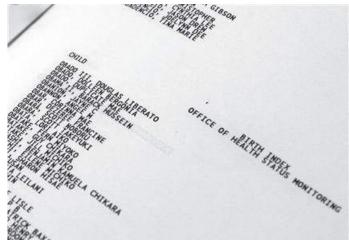
"We're going to have to re-create our infrastructure at Lambert," Martelle said. "The question is, how many additional gates can we borrow, because none of ours are going to be functional for some time."

# In Hawaii, accessing some Obama birth info is easy

HONOLULU (AP)-Lost in the renewed scrutiny into President Barack Obama's birth records is the fact that anyone can walk into a Hawaii vital records office, wait in line behind couples getting marriage licenses and open a baby-blue government binder containing basic information about his birth.

Highlighted in yellow on page 1,218 of the thick binder is the computer-generated listing for a boy named Barack Hussein Obama II born in Hawaii, surrounded by the alphabetized last names of all other children born in-state between 1960 and 1964. This is the only government birth information, called "index data," available to the public.

So far this month, only The



In this April 20, 2011 photo, the name Barack Hussain Obama II is seen highlighted in a computer generated birth index from 1960-1964 in a Hawaii State government binder held at the State Department of Health in Honolulu.

person had looked at the binder, according to a sign-in sheet viewed Wednesday in the state Associated Press and one other Department of Health build-

ing. The sheet showed about 25 names of people who have seen the document since March 2010, when the sign-in sheet begins.

there's no proof Obama was born in the United States, and he is therefore ineligible to be president. Many of the skeptics suggest he was actually born in Kenya, his father's home country, or Indonesia where he spent a few years of his childhood.

Possible Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has repeatedly stoked the birther fires recently, and last month called on Obama to "show his birth certificate." Trump said as representing Trump. What the would-be sleuths won't find is Obama's "longform birth certificate," a confidential one-page document containing his original birth records kept on file in the first floor of the Department of Health.

Those original birth records typically include additional birth details, such as the hospital and delivering doctor, said Dr. Chiyome Fukino, the state's former health director who twice looked at and publicly confirmed Obama's original long-form birth records.

#### ACROSS THE NATION

#### **Rescuers find rubble at** end of collapsed tunnel

MULLAN, Idaho (AP)—Rescue efforts have reached a section of a collapsed tunnel where they had hoped to find an Idaho silver miner who has been missing underground for more than a week, a Hecla Mining Co. official said Saturday. But crews using bore holes and probes found only sand and rubble where they had been searching for an open section of mine, said spokeswoman Melanie Hennessey. Finding collapsed material here could mean the entire 75 feet of tunnel where 53-year-old Larry Marek had been working has collapsed.

#### **Texas sheriff: Deputy** killed; suspect shot dead

VENUS, Texas (AP)—Authorities say a North Texas deputy has been shot and killed in the line of duty, and a suspect also was fatally shot. Johnson County Sheriff Bob Alford

shootings happened Saturday afternoon near Venus. He said the suspect was shot dead by deputies. Alford said no further information would be released as the investigation continues. No names were immediately released pending notification of next of kin.

#### **Cyclists decry Golden Gate Bridge speed** umit plan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Plans to put the brakes on bicyclists riding across the Golden Gate Bridge has cycling enthusiasts crying foul in this urban center of two-wheeled activism. Hundreds of commuters, residents and tourists ride the bridge's stately span each day, and occasionally there is a smash-up when bikers run into one another or collide with tourists drinking in the views. Still, the city was taken by surprise this week when bridge officials proposed speed limits as a way to reduce the accident rate on San said in a news release that the Francisco's signature landmark.

# Victim in Md. McDonald's attack alleges hate crime

**ROSEDALE, Md.** (AP)—A 18-year-old woman faces an astransgender woman whose brutal attack at a McDonald's restaurant in Maryland was captured on video that later went viral said Saturday she was the victim of a hate crime.

Twenty-two-year-old Chrissy Lee Polis told The Baltimore Sun that since the attack last Monday, "I'm just afraid to go outside now because of stuff like this."

The video posted online shows a woman being attacked and apparently having a seizure. Baltimore County police say a 14-year-old girl has been charged as a juvenile and an

sault charge in the case.

after she used the restroom, "They said, 'That's a dude, that's a dude and she's in the female bathroom."

Polis said she was confronted by a girl who spat in her face and accused Polis of talking to "my man." Polis said another girl then also spat on her face, and that they then beat and kicked her, pulled her by the hair and tore off her earrings.

"They really hurt me really bad," Polis said in a videotaped interview that was posted on the newspaper's website.

All the while, she said, a Mc-Polis told the newspaper that Donald's employees recorded the attack on his cell phone even though she told him to stop. She said her injuries would certainly have been worse had an older female customer not assisted her.

"They just seemed like they wanted to pick a fight that night," Polis said.

Lt. Robert McCullough, a spokesman for the Baltimore County police, told The Associated Press on Saturday evening that police are working with the state's attorney's office to determine whether other charges should be

brought and whether anyone else should face charges.

"I'm sure our investigators will be doing additional followup, speaking with the victim in this case," McCullough said.

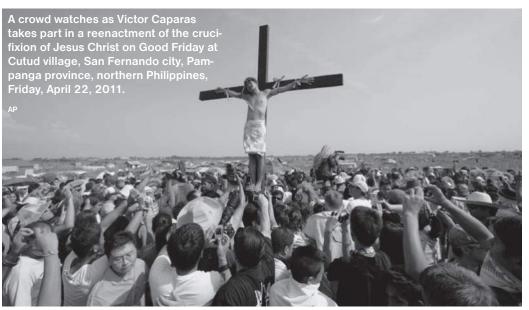
Asked about Polis' allegation that she was a hate crime victim, McCullough said investigators would certainly look into such claims.

"Generally when it comes to cases that involve racial, religious, ethnic or sexual orientation from an investigative standpoint, we approach the case from the perspective of the victim," he said.

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# Asia

# **Penitents nailed to crosses in PH ritual**



**SAN PEDRO CUTUD, Philippines** (AP)—At least 24 Filipinos were nailed to crosses to re-enact Jesus Christ's suffering in a Good Friday rite rejected by Catholic church leaders but witnessed by throngs of believers and thousands of tourists.

Ruben Enaje, a 50-yearold sign painter, screamed in pain as villagers dressed as Roman centurions hammered four-inch stainless steel nails through his palms and set him aloft on a cross under a brutal sun for a few minutes in San Pedro Cutud village in Pampanga province.

Twenty-three other Filipino men were nailed to crosses in

the rice-growing province, officials said.

It was Enaje's 25th crucifixion. He says surviving nearly unscathed when he fell from a three-story building in 1985 prompted him to undergo the annual ordeal. Aside from thanking God, Enaje now prays for more painting jobs.

"Not a bone in my body was broken when I fell from that building," Enaje said. "It was a miracle."

"Now, I'm praying for good health and more clients," Enaje told The Associated Press.

Ahead of the cross nailings, throngs of penitents walked several miles (kilometers) through village streets and beat their bare backs with sharp bamboo sticks and pieces of wood, sometimes splashing spectators with blood. Some participants opened cuts in the penitents' backs using broken glass to ensure the ritual was sufficiently bloody.

The gory spectacle reflects the Philippines' unique brand of Catholicism, which merges church traditions with folk superstitions. Many of the mostly impoverished penitents undergo the ritual to atone for sins, pray for the sick or a better life and give thanks for what they believe were Godgiven miracles.

#### 3rd day of fighting along Cambodia-Thailand border

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Fighting broke out again Sunday along Cambodia's border with Thailand following two days of skirmishes that killed at least 10 soldiers and forced the evacuation of thousands of civilians.

The dispute between the neighbors stems from their competing claims over small swaths of land along the border, with nationalistic politics fueling tensions. Clashes have erupted several times since 2008, when Cambodia's 11th-century Preah Vihear temple

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Japan to launch massive

search for quake bodies

was given U.N. World Heritage status over Thai objections.

The current round of clashes, which began Friday, are the first reported border skirmishes since February, when eight soldiers and civilians were killed near the Preah Vihear temple. The latest fighting has taken place about 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of there.

Col. Suos Sothea, a Cambodian commander, confirmed witness accounts that an artillery battle began at the border shortly before 10 a.m. Sunday. In Bangkok, Thai

army spokesman Col. Sansern Kaewkamnerd reported the same information.

There were no immediate reports of casualties Sunday.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Cambodia and Thailand to implement an effective and verifiable cease-fire.

A U.N. statement late Saturday said Ban believes the dispute cannot be resolved by military means, so the two countries must engage in a serious dialogue to resolve the underlying problems.

news was announced.

#### Famed Hindu guru Sathya Sai Baba dies at 86

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan plans to send more than 20,000 soldiers PUTTAPARTI, India (AP) into its northern disaster zone Hindu holy man Sathya Sai Monday in an intensive mission Baba, considered a living god by to recover the bodies of those millions of followers worldwide, killed in last month's earthquake died Sunday in a hospital near his and tsunami. More than 12,000 southern Indian ashram, a doctor people are missing and presumed said. He was 86. Sai Baba had dead from the twin disasters that spent more than three weeks on hit March 11. Some were likely breathing support and dialysis swept out to sea, while others while struggling with multipleare buried under the mass of organ failure at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical rubble. About 14,300 are confirmed dead. Defense Ministry Sciences, near his ashram in Puttaparti village in southern Andhra spokesman Ippo Maeyama said Sunday that the military would Pradesh state. He died Sunday send 24,800 soldiers to carry out morning, hospital director Dr. a two-day search of the area. Po-A.N. Safaya said. Women selling lice, coast guard and U.S. troops marigold garlands broke down will also be involved. in tears outside ashram when the

#### NATO: 2 troops killed in explosion in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— NATO says a roadside bomb has killed two coalition service members in southern Afghanistan where tens of thousands of Afghan and international troops are bracing for an expected resurgence of Taliban attacks this spring. In a statement released Sunday, the coalition did not provide the nationalities of the service members, who were killed on Saturday. Earlier, NATO reported that a third foreign service member died Saturday when a coalition helicopter crashed in Alasay district of Kapisa province in the east.

# World

# 120 dead after 2 days of unrest in Syria

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian security forces fired on funeral processions that drew tens of thousands Saturday, one day after the bloodiest crackdown so far in the uprising against President Bashar Assad. The shootings pushed the two-day death toll to more than 120 and two lawmakers and a religious leader resigned in disgust over the killings.

The resignations were a possible sign of cracks developing in the regime's base in a nation where nearly all opposition figures have been either jailed or exiled during the 40-year dynasty of the Assad family.

"I cannot tolerate the blood of our innocent sons and children being shed," Sheikh Rizq Abdul-Rahim Abazeid told The Associated Press after stepping down from his post as the mufti of the Daraa region in southern Syria.

The lawmakers, Nasser Hariri and Khalil Rifai, also are from Daraa, which has become the epicenter of the protest movement after a group of teenagers were arrested there for scrawling anti-regime graffiti on a wall in mid-March.

Since then, the relentless crackdown on demonstrations has only served to invigorate protesters whose rage over the bloodshed has all but eclipsed their earlier demands for modest reforms. Now, many are seeking Assad's downfall.

Each Friday, growing numbers of people in cities across the country have taken to the streets despite swift attacks from security forces and shadowy pro-government gunmen known as "shabiha."

Ammar Qurabi, the head of Syria's National Organization for Human Rights, said 112 people were killed Friday and at least 11 on Saturday. Friday was by far the deadliest day of the uprising, with security forces beating back protesters with bullets, tear gas and stun guns.

"If I cannot protect the chests of my people from these treacherous strikes, then there is no meaning for me to stay in the People's As-

sembly. I declare my resignation," Hariri told Al-Jazeera in a televised interview.

Radwan Ziadeh, a visiting scholar at the Institute for Middle East Studies at George Washington University, said the resignations were largely symbolic because the parliament has no real power. But their dissent could encourage others to step down, such as Vice President Farouk al-Sharaa, who is from Daraa, Ziadeh said.

He added Assad met with the lawmakers in recent weeks, promising them that security forces would not shoot protesters.

The uprising in Syria takes its inspiration from the popular revolts that toppled the leaders in Egypt and Tunisia. But Syria is a highly unpredictable country, in part because of its sizable minority population, the loyalty of the country's military and the regime's web of allegiances to powerful forces including Lebanon's Hezbollah and Shiite powerhouse Iran.

#### Yemeni president agrees to step down in 30 days

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemen's embattled president agreed Saturday to a proposal by Gulf Arab mediators to step down within 30 days and hand power to his deputy in exchange for immunity from prosecution, a major about-face for the autocratic leader who has ruled for 32 years.

A coalition of seven opposition parties said they also accepted the deal but with reservations. Even if the differences are overcome, those parties do not speak for all of the hundreds of thousands of protesters seeking President Ali Abdullah Saleh's ouster, and signs were already emerging that a deal on those terms would not end confrontations in the streets.

A day earlier, protest

ers staged the largest of two months of demonstrations, filling a five-lane boulevard across the capital with a sea of hundreds of thousands of people. Day after day of protest have presented a stunning display of defiance in the face of a crackdown that has included sniper attacks and killed more than 130 people.

The uprising and a wave of defections by allies, including several top military commanders, have left Saleh clinging to power and now appear to be pushing him to compromise on his earlier refusal to leave office before his term ends in 2013.

For decades the former military officer has fended off numerous challenges, deftly maneuvering among the nation's

powerful and fractious tribes and using security forces to put down opponents. Al-Qaida's most active franchise has attacked his forces, an armed rebellion has battered the north of the country and a secessionist movement has reappeared in the once-independent south.

At the same time, the country is rapidly running out of water and oil and is the poorest in the Arab world.

The United States has watched the uprising with particular concern because Saleh has been an ally in fighting al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which is based in Yemen's remote mountainous south and has made several nearly successful attempts to attack U.S. and other targets abroad.

### Heavy fighting rages in Libyan city of Misrata

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Heavy fighting raged anew in Misrata and killed 24 people Saturday as Moammar Gadhafi's forces gave up more ground inside Libya's third-largest city. The U.S. said its first Predator drone attack in the country destroyed a government rocket launcher that had menaced civilians in the western city.

Libya's deputy foreign minister, Khaled Kaim, said troops have halted operations in Misrata to enable tribal elders to negotiate with the rebels. If the rebels don't surrender in the next two days, armed tribesmen will fight them in place of the army, he said.

Hundreds of people have been killed in rebel-held Misrata in a two-month government siege backed by tanks, mortars and snipers.

The opposition was skeptical of claims that the army would

of claims that the army would step aside.

"Gadhafi forces are moving back," said Safi Eddin al-Montaser, a rebel spokesman in Misrata. But he added: "People are still nervous because we don't know the next step of Gadhafi's forces."

Jalal el-Gallal, a spokesman for the rebels' leadership council in their stronghold of Benghazi, said he doubted the regime will fully withdraw from Misrata. He claimed the rebels firmly control the city.

Misrata, the only major rebel stronghold in western Libya, has become the most dramatic battleground in the Libyan uprising, which began in February after similar revolts in Tunisia and Egypt ousted longtime leaders. Fighting elsewhere in the country is at a stalemate, even with NATO airstrikes that began last month.

Residents reported heavy fighting, shelling and explosions in the east and south of Misrata and doctors said the day was one of the bloodiest in weeks. At least 24 people were killed and 75 were wounded, many of them critically, said a doctor at a Misrata hospital who asked to be identified only by his first name because he was afraid of government retribution.

He said that hospital officials who feared a strong attack Saturday had moved out some patients a day earlier to make way for more casualties. SAIPAN TRIBUNE MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011 **17** 

# Focus

FUTABA, Japan (AP)—Under a brilliant, cloudless sky, a half-dozen cows and a pony wander freely, batting the flies off their ears and chewing on fresh green sprouts. A pair of friendly Shiba dogs—cautious for just a moment—trot up and wag their tails, expectantly awaiting scraps of food. At the entrance to Main Street is a sign with the town's motto: "Nuclear Power is the Energy of a Bright Tomorrow."

But a block down, an old house has collapsed. Its roof sits in the middle of the road like an odd little pagoda.

Someone should be doing something

about that.
Someone should be doing something.

It is three o'clock in the afternoon. There should be children laughing as they walk home from school, and young mothers chatting as they savor those last minutes of leisure before their sons and daughters return to be fed snacks and hustled off to after-school judo lessons, or soccer games, or dentist's appointments. There should be shop owners inside the tea houses and inns. There should be old people sitting outside enjoying the warm sunshine.

There should be people, but everyone is gone.

In the distance, rising above the hill-tops, above the bamboo groves and the power lines, the exhaust stacks of the nuclear plant—the reason why no there is no one here—poke at the sky. Gray and shimmering, they appear to be just another unremarkable part of the scenery in this rural Anytown, Japan.

Strangely still from afar, the plant was the epicenter of life here. It was a paycheck, a golden goose of tax revenue, a place where lunches were eaten, turbines adjusted, paperwork filed. It was the pride of the town, tiny Futaba's contribution to the national grid, the powerhouse that kept the escalators and vending machines running in far-off Tokyo.

But the plant no longer belongs to Futaba.

It is now the world-famous Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear power station, a battleground for soldiers and police and engineers in full-body radiation gear, goggles and gas masks. It has become as alien and foreboding as Mars, the fountain of an invisible poison that wafts into the air, seeps into the soil, creeps into people's heads.

It has changed.

And it has changed everything.

Radioactive Cesium. Iodine 131. Seiverts, micro and milli.

People at the shelters, the newly tossed-together community of refugees from Futaba, Tomioka, Namie, Okuma, Minami Soma—Japan's nuclear ghost towns—talk about them constantly. They joke, mostly, but it is the humor of the trenches.

Many of these people, like people all up and down Japan's picturesque northeast coast, lost everything when the earth unleashed its power at 2:46 in the afternoon on March 11—an instant frozen on the big clock above the entrance to the Futaba agriculture co-op—and sent the Pacific gushing in, enveloping their homes, their cars, their neighborhoods, their loved ones. They ran desperately for their lives, dashing for the hills and watching the world transform around them into a sea of ruin.

It was a once-in-a-millennium moment, a moment of history that will be



In this photo taken Sunday, April 17, 2011, books which fell from shelves lie on the floor at a public library in Futaba, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan. Having survived the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami, most of Futaba was intact, but thousands had to evacuate the city in the wake of the radiation warnings from the neighboring Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear power station.

# Life in the shadow of a nuclear disaster

By ERIC TALMADGE

studied and remembered and retold for generations to come.

For Futaba, it was just the beginning. Having survived the tsunami—most of Futaba was intact—its survivors soon learned from the megaphones of police patrol cars racing through their neighborhoods that they had to keep on moving as fast and as far away as they could.

The plant, hit by a tsunami three stories tall, was overwhelmed. Fires raged, buildings were on the verge of exploding. The word "meltdown" was being thrown about. No one knew what would happen next.

They just knew they had to get out.

"I thought we were going to die," said Hiroyuki Kohno, a radiation technician and one of the many residents of Futaba who was working in the plant when the quake hit and saw the tsunami from a hillside perch. "We didn't know what to do."

Kohno soon found himself in a mass exodus the likes of which Japan has not seen since World War II.

More than 80,000 nuclear refugees fled a 12-mile (20-kilometer) evacuation zone set up around the Dai-ichi facility and an additional 6-mile (10-kilometer) ring of heightened danger beyond that. In the ensuing weeks, as more radiation readings were compiled and the crisis at Fukushima Dai-ichi dragged on, the zones got bigger, expanding from the sea to the dairy lands in the mountains.

Thousands of Futaba residents made their way in those frenzied first days up the coast to Soma, on the edge of the hot zone, then to the local capital, Fukushima City, a two-hour drive inland over buckled and cracked roads, in cars weighed down with as many possessions as could be grabbed on the fly.

The optimistic ones took nothing at all, assuming they would be right back.

Most ended up with friends or relatives or found public facilities on the outskirts of Tokyo, 150 miles (250 kilometers) away, where the mayor and the staff of the town hall had been forced to relocate their operations. But some stayed behind.

More than a month later, they live on the floors of the Azuma Sports Park, a shiny new gymnasium surrounded by forested hiking paths and a big athletic stadium on the outskirts of Fukushima City. Behind chest-high cardboard partitions, in cluttered cubicles lit by the bright gymnasium ceiling lights, they are hunkered down for a long haul.

Each partition, in big red letters, says: "Japan, don't give up."

Chernobyl. Three Mile Island. Fukushima.

Mikio Tadano bristles at the idea they will be forever linked.

An architect who moved to Futaba, population 8,000, when he was 15, he remembers when the plant was still under construction, back in the 1970s, just a mile (two kilometers) from his home. For town leaders, it was a godsend, Futaba's savior from the slow death of Japan's coal industry.

Before the disaster, Futaba was even wooing the plant's operator, the Tokyo Electric Power Co., for two more reactors. Futaba's residents were encouraged to cheer for the Mareeze—TEPCO's women's soccer team—like they were hometown heroes. Mareeze posters still flap against the walls of Futaba's abandoned public gymnasium.

Even so, Tadano avoided it.
The Futaba that Tadano loved was

gotten backwater, a place to raise a family, enjoy the pleasures of camping trips in the nearby mountains and watch life from the slow lane, away from the stresses and pressures of the city.

"It was nothing special in a good

everything but the plant. It was a for-

"It was nothing special, in a good way," he said, as his wife, Noriko, and 16-year-old daughter Sumire sat quietly in their empty rectangle at the end of a long, crowded hall in the Azuma shelter. "Futaba was a place to go to get away from everything else. It was just another little town that nobody really cared about."

But somewhere in his mind, Fukushima Dai-ichi cast a shadow.

"Like most Japanese, I grew up hearing the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," he said, his eyelids heavy with fatigue behind his wire-rimmed glasses. "I don't think any other nation in the world feels the same way about the word 'irradiation' as the Japanese do."

In Japanese, that word is "hibaku." Survivors of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are still called by a similar-sounding word, "hibakusha"—the "bombed ones." For decades the label alone, which has connotations of irradiation, was a social death warrant, its bearers shunned and denied jobs and marriages for fear that they would somehow contaminate those around them, or spawn mutant babies.

It's a senseless fear, but also a resurgent one.

Soon after the crisis began, officials reported that Fukushima children were being turned away from schools in the places they had been forced to move to, Fukushima produce was thrown out wholesale, and even trucks with Fukushima license plates were refused ser-

vice at gas stations.

Alarmed by the spreading panic, the government quickly brought in risk experts from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, internationally renowned professors who have devoted their careers to the study of radioactivity and the human body. One of them, Dr. Kenji Kamiya, director of the Hiroshima-based Research Institute of Radioactive Biology of Medicine, has gone on national television and led town hall meetings, sometimes twice a day, to assuage public fears. To each crowd—and the meetings are always packed—he stresses that Fukushima is not Chernobyl.

He explains the jargon, the units called Becquerels and Seiverts that run across the TV screens all day and rekindle the irrational bigotry.

"I hope people understand that the levels we are seeing are fairly low," he told a group of school officials and PTA representatives at one discussion group held a few days after the government raised its rating of the nuclear crisis to a seven—the top notch on the International Atomic Energy Agency's scale.

Kamiya's message, backed by reams of research and a firsthand knowledge of Hiroshima and Chernobyl, is surprisingly upbeat.

Though the crisis is still unfolding, radiation from the Fukushima nuclear plant has claimed no lives. Perhaps it never will. And despite the fear-inspiring Level Seven announcement, only one-tenth of the radioactivity released by Chernobyl has been spewed out by Fukushima Dai-ichi.

Perhaps, as TEPCO has suggested, everything will start going right again. Perhaps everyone will be able to start going home in another six to nine months.

Japan, unlike any other country, has survived worse—a wartime nuclear attack. Hiroshima was hell itself. But within a few years, it was bouncing back. Today, it is a bustling metropolis, its past contained in a comfortable museum. Ground Zero is now a grassy park and a shopping arcade.

For those who survive, Kamiya said, life has a way of going on.

But will Futaba?

There is talk of submerging the reactors and then, possibly, entombing them somehow. Few expect them ever to be productive again. They will have no bright tomorrow.

When Tadano fled, the possibility of a nuclear nightmare on top of all he had already been through was so unimaginable that he didn't bother to pack. He collected his family, slept the first night in his car in the next town over because of the aftershocks, then went home.

A few hours later, the sirens began to wail.

"It just came out of the blue," he said.
"Even after the earthquake and the tsunami, the idea that there would be a crisis at the plant just never crossed our minds. For decades, they had told us over and over that nothing could ever go wrong. And nothing had. I figured we'd be back the next day."

Now, he said, Futaba is a frightening abstraction. To save their dogs and valuables, and frustrated by shelter purgatory, some residents began sneaking home for brief day trips. That has now been banned

The closest Tadano has been is a furtive search on Google Earth.

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# Health & Fitness



# Gardening

# gets you and your loved ones outdoors for exercise and time together

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM

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Gardening is good for you in many ways. Besides giving you better views to enjoy, gardening improves your physical, nutritional and mental health.

Here's how, courtesy Bonnie Plants, a label you'll see on many vegetable and herb plants available for spring and summer planting at garden centers nationwide.

Power of sunlight. When you work in the yard, the sun helps the body make vitamin D, which is essential for healthy bones and may slow the progression of osteoporosis. The positive powers of sunlight also work on the mind.

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Gardening gets you and your loved ones outdoors for exercise and time together.

# CDC predicts smoking bans in every state by 2020

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#### **Overall wash**

Rinse with very warm water

If possible, wipe inside with paper towels until they come clean

#### Kill things growing there

Rinse with weak mixture of tap water and chlorine laundry bleach; shake well

#### **Remove odors**

Fill with mixture of tap water and 2 tablespoons of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate); shake well, let sit for an hour

#### **Rise and dry**

Rinse with tap water and air dry; prop water bag open so air gets inside

Source: Backpacker, Camelback © 2011 MCT Graphic: Paul Trap ATLANTA (AP)—By 2020, every state may have bans on smoking in restaurants, bars and the workplace, federal health officials predicted Thursday, based on the current pace of adopting anti-smoking laws.

The number of states with comprehensive indoor smoking bans went from zero in 2000 to 25 in 2010.

"It is by no means a foregone conclusion that we'll get there by 2020," said Dr. Tim McAfee, director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

But the success of the smoking ban movement has been astounding, and seems to be accelerating, he added. "I'm relatively bullish we'll at least get close to that number."

Nearly half of U.S. residents are covered by comprehensive state or local indoor smoking bans, the CDC estimated, in a new report.

Another 10 states have laws than ban smoking in workplaces, bars or restaurants, but not in all three venues.

Some other states have less restrictive laws, like requiring smoking areas with separate ventilation.

Only seven states have no indoor smoking restrictions, although some of their cities do: Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Gary Nolan, director of a smokers' rights group, said he wouldn't be surprised if the CDC's prediction came true. Public health officials and others have been putting tremendous pressure on bars and businesses to bar smoking, he added.

"It wouldn't surprise me if they prevailed," said Nolan, of the Smoker's Club. "It's just a little bit more liberty slipping away at the hands of big government."

Tobacco smoke is an established cause of lung cancer, heart disease and other maladies, and smoking has been called one of the nation's leading causes of death.

The science on the impact of smoking bans is younger. Because it takes years or even decades for cancers to develop, there's little information on the impact of bans on cancer rates. But studies have already charted declines in adult heart attack rates and in childhood asthma attacks after smoking bans were adopted in some communities.

The American Heart Association's chief executive, Nancy Brown, said the CDC report brings good news. But she said advocates have a lot of work ahead of them to make the 2020 prediction come true.

"It's too soon to rest on our laurels," she said, in a prepared statement.

### How to ... stop your diet saboteurs

By ALISON JOHNSON

DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Certain people and situations can derail the best diet and exercise intentions. But you can overcome them, says Dr. Thomas Clark, a bariatric surgeon and medical director of the Center for Weight Loss Success in Newport News, Va. Here's how:

Don't get in your own way. You're in control of your behavior. Erase the word "can't" from your self-talk: it's not that you "can't" exercise or eat right, but that you "won't." Change that.

Be assertive with family and friends. The people you need for support often are the ones encouraging you to have a treat, celebrate or just eat one more bite. Explain your goals in a heart-to-heart talk and ask for their help.

Don't go crazy on vacation ... Yes, you deserve to "let loose"—but you

can also have fun in moderation, taste new healthy foods, try different activities and work in exercise with walks, runs or visits to the hotel fitness center.

... or at parties. Focus on socializing, not eating. Eat a healthy snack in advance to curb your hunger and then have small portions of your very favorite party foods. Limit alcoholic beverages, which can be high in calories and reduce self-control. Try holding a cup of water in your dominant hand—you'll be less likely to pick at food.

Change your co-workers. Offices tend to celebrate often with cookies, cake or donuts. Tell co-workers you're trying to change and ask if they want to join you. If that doesn't work, avoid the break room and bring your own meals and snacks.

Protect vourself. Identify situations that might ruin your progress and think about avoiding them until you've formed new eating habits.

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# Life & Style

# Donnie Yen tackles iconic Three Kingdoms general

**ONG KONG** (AP)—Action star Donnie Yen has teamed with two of the filmmakers behind the hit Hong Kong crime thriller "Infernal Affairs" for what they call a "humanized" take on an icon from China's fabled Three Kingdoms period.

The epic battles of armies and wits from the Three Kingdoms era inspired the classic Chinese novel "Romance of the Three Kingdoms" and countless TV and film adaptations.

Some of the more recent major movie productions include John Woo's two-part series "Red Cliff," which starred Cannes-winning actor Tony Leung Chiu-wai, and Daniel Lee's 2008 film "Three Kingdoms: Resurrection of the DragSammo Hung and Maggie Q.

So how to break new ground when drawing from old material? With "The Lost Bladesman," which will be released across Asia on April 28, co-directors and co-writers Alan Mak and Felix Chong have zoomed in on general Guan Yu and tried to craft a more earthly character out of Yen's portrayal.

Guan is a historical figure who has been deified by the Chinese people as a symbol of on," which featured Andy Lau, loyalty and justice. To this day,

# Brian Williams, De Niro square off at Tribeca

**NEW YORK** (AP)—At the Tribeca Festival, Brian Williams attempted a challenge: interviewing Robert De Niro.

Williams sat down with the actor Saturday as part of Tribeca's "Directors Series" talks. De Niro is a famously difficult interview, but Williams was eager for a chance to face-off with a personal idol.

He was warned of De Niro's sphinx-like reputation. Introducing the event, Jane Rosenthal, who co-founded Tribeca with De Niro and has long been his producing partner, said she was surprised at Williams' request.

"Great idea, but have you seen Bob's interviews?" said Rosenthal, recalling her reply.

The NBC News anchorman said that he wanted to interview De Niro "as a fan." While De Niro often answered Williams' questions with typical recalcitrance, the two managed a good conversation with only an occasional sigh from Williams.

At one point, Williams' attempts for a more conversational interaction broke down when De

Niro stymied him. "Did I answer the question?" asked De Niro, when there hadn't been one.

But the two still had common ground. Asked if he watches his old movies when they air on TV, De Niro said he doesn't.

"I don't do that, Brian. I watch the news and I watch the 'Today' show," said De Niro, drawing a laugh from the crowd. "I'm very set in my ways."

De Niro said it was actually TV that helped inspire him to be

"I used to look at television and say, 'Well, if that person can do it, then I can certainly do it," recalled the 67-year-old actor.

And De Niro said TV is again frequently on his mind when he's filming.

"Whenever I have a big dramatic scene, I always think: 'What are they going to do with this on 'Saturday Night Live'?" said De Niro, who has hosted the sketch comedy show and spent much of his later years making comedies.

The Tribeca Film Festival, which is celebrating its 10th incarnation, runs through May 1.



Robert De Niro, right, and Brian Williams arrive for their discussion as part of the 'Tribeca Talks: Directors Series' during the Tribeca Film Festival in New York, Saturday, April 23, 2011.

statues of Guan are common at restaurants and shops in Chinese communities around the world.

In "The Lost Bladesman," Guan tries to escape after willingly becoming a prisoner to rival warlord Cao Cao so he can protect the wife of the warlord he himself serves, who is also trapped. But Yen's Guan is no superhero, the directors told The Associated Press on the sidelines the movie's Hong Kong premiere late Friday.

"Our perspective is a more humanized perspective. Previous adaptations focused on historical fact and period costume. Our starting point was human nature," Chong, who co-wrote the script to "Infernal Affairs" with Mak. The 2002 crime thriller, co-directed by Mak and Andrew Lau, was later remade as "The Departed" by Martin Scorsese and earned the American his first best director Oscar.

portrayal Yen's 'made Guan Yu into an ordinary person," Chong said. "The Guan Yu we have seen in the past is more like

a god. He is so holy he can't even touch a woman. Our story was constructed out of the daily encounters of Guan Yu."



Hong Kong star Donnie Yen, second left and his wife Cecilia Wang attend the movie premiere of his latest movie 'The Lost Bladesman' in Hong Kong Friday, April 22, 2011.

Yen, who also was action choreographer on the movie, said Guan is such a storied character that he is happy he could breakthrough," Yen told the AP,

carry the role at all.

"The fact that I am able to portray Guan Yunchang is a

using one of Guan's alternative names. "If you portray him this way, people complain. If you portray him that way, people also complain. It is very hard to meet people's expectations."

But Chong said he was impressed with the improvement in Yen's acting skills.

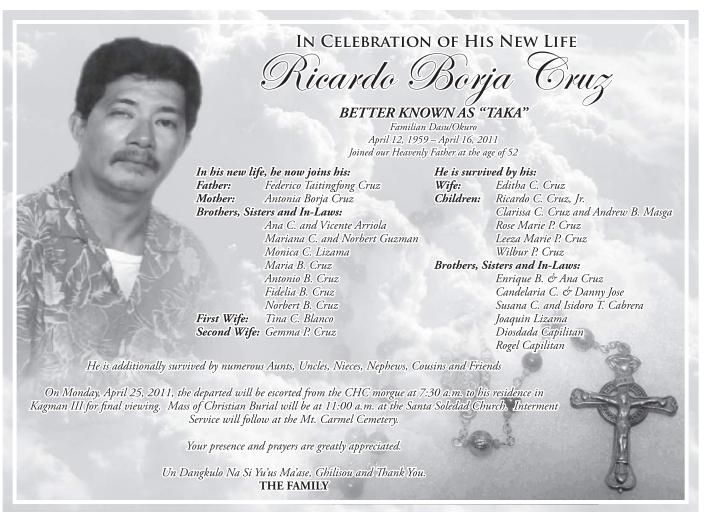
"I think this is the best performance out of all of his movies," the co-director said during the news conference for the premiere.

Besides Yen, now one of Asia's most bankable actions stars after the recent success of his kung fu biopics "Ip Man" and Ip Man 2," "The Lost Bladesman" was also boosted by the casting of veteran Chinese actor Jiang Wen, who played Cao. Jiang's stardom has risen in recent years with his successful directing efforts, most recently the political satire "Let the Bullets Fly."

"Everyone what a good actor he is. To be mentioned in the same breath as him, to be able to act with him is a big step forward for me," Yen said.

"His acting skills are impeccable. After

working with him this time I came away with the impression that he is almost a national treasure," Mak said.



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# Lohan quickly released from jail in theft case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The day unfolded all too familiarly for Lindsay Lohan: a court hearing, a jail sentence, a quick release.

The starlet appeared before a judge Friday for the fourth time in nearly a year and was sentenced to 120 days for violating her probation by taking a designer necklace.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner said she thought the actress had intentionally taken the \$2,500 necklace from an upscale Venice store and shown poor judgment in not trying to return it until police became involved.

The judge reduced the actress' charge from felony grand theft to a misdemeanor and imposed the 120-day sentence.

Lohan's attorney Shawn Holley filed a notice of appeal right before court closed, clearing the way for the actress' release on bail.

She was freed at 9:21 p.m. after posting \$75,000 bail, according to the sheriff department's website.

Deputy District Attorney Danette Meyers said her office would consider appealing the ruling as well.

Sautner agreed with Meyers that Lohan showed intent to keep the necklace, and said that she thought Lohan's conduct probably warranted a felony.

"I see the intent here," Sautner said. "I see a level of brazenness with, 'Let me see what I can get away with here."

But the judge said felony grand theft cases involving higher-valued goods are often level and thought it was appropriate in Lohan's case.

"I'm going to give her an opportunity," the judge said.

She also said she hoped to give the "Mean Girls" and "Freaky Friday" star a dose of perspective by sentencing her to almost 500 hours of community service, including time at the county morgue and 300 hours at a women's shelter.

It is unclear what effect the

next acting role. Producers of the film "Gotti: Three Generations" announced on Wednesday that Lohan had been cast to play the wife of John Gotti Jr. in the film.

She told The Associated Press afterward she didn't think her court case would affect her work.

"I think in the past, I had a lot of distractions," she said. "I've learned a lot. I've lived a

sentence may have on Lohan's lot. When I'm on set, it's about room after his daughter was led the film."

> Lohan did not visibly react to the sentence. She cried earlier in the day when Holley told Sautner that Lohan had been punished enough, and recounted the treatment programs the actress has completed since her first arrest for drunken driving in 2007.

Her father, Michael Lohan, put his hands over his face at times Friday and bolted from the courtaway by sheriff's personnel.

It was the fourth time Lohan has been sentenced to jail, although three trips amounted to a few hours. Last summer, she spent 14 days in jail on a 90 day sentence.

The actress did not address the court during Friday's hearing, but frequently conferred with Holley and shook her head when witnesses described some of her actions inside the jewelry store, Kamofie & Co.

Lohan has been a courthouse fixture since last May when she missed a hearing in her drunken driving case. Since then, two judges have sent her to jail twice and rehab, also twice.

She rejected two plea offers to end the necklace case early, including one in which Meyers was seeking six months in jails, the prosecutor said Friday.

Meyers' witnesses included a police officer who received the stolen necklace from Lohan's assistant. The investigative detective also testified that she verified the actress wore the necklace days after it was taken and was photographed with it chest," Kaman said. "I was by paparazzi.

Lohan made three visits within a week to a jewelry store that accused her of stealing the necklace but never purchased anything before leaving with the item, the shop's owner testified.

Sofia Kaman said she waited a day to report the necklace stolen because Lohan had told her she would return the next day to purchase a ring. The actress never returned. The first time Kaman saw Lohan since the Jan. 22 store visit was Friday.

Kaman says she did not have any agreement with Lohan allowing her to leave the store with the necklace.

Lohan was wearing two of her own necklaces when entered the store, and she wore both pieces to court on Friday, taking them off at one point while her attorney cross-examined Kaman.

Holley showed Kaman the necklaces and questioned her about why she didn't notice the actress was still wearing the store's necklace, even though Lohan's neck—and by Holley's description, cleavage—were clearly visible.

"I wasn't looking at her looking at her face."



Lindsay Lohan, left, arrives with her lawyer, Shawn Chapman Holley for a preliminary hearing, Friday, April reduced to the misdemeanor 22, 2011, at LAX Courthouse in Los Angeles.

# Beckham, Elton, Mr. Bean to attend royal wedding

LONDON (AP)—David Beckham, Elton John and Mr. Bean actor Rowan Atkinson will mingle with dozens of royal guests at Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding, according to an official guest list released Saturday that includes one uncomfortable presence—the Bahraini crown prince accused of a brutal crackdown on protesters.

St. James's Palace also released the seating plan at Westminster Abbey, which showed that relatives of William's mother Princess Diana are sitting across the aisle from the royal family, joining the Middletons in an exception to the traditional division of a church into a bride's side and groom's side.

There was no explanation of the seating arrangement, but the Spencers have not had a good relationship with the royal family, especially after Diana's brother Charles Spencer attacked the royals during a speech at her 1997 funeral.

More than 46 foreign royals are seated behind the British rovals. They include Bahrain's Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, an invitation



This Monday April 11, 2011 file photo shows Britain's Prince William accompanied by his fiancee Kate Middleton, as they arrive at Witton Country Park, Darwen, England.

that could prove awkward in light of his government's rough treatment of mainly Shiite prodemocracy protesters.

Some human rights campaigners have started to petition Foreign Secretary William Hague to revoke the invitation, saying the prince should not be allowed to attend the occasion. At least 30 people have died in Bahrain since mid-February, including four who died while in official custody, and many wellknown activists and lawyers have been imprisoned.

Other foreign royals who are attending include those from Denmark, Norway, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Morocco. Only a handful of celebrities are invited, including the Beckhams, director Guy Ritchie, soul singer Joss Stone, and Atkinson—a close friend of William's father Prince Charles.

Although about 1,900 guests have been invited to the couple's wedding ceremony at Westminster Abbey, half of them will sit in the section of the abbey where views of the altar are restricted, and they will have to rely upon video screens to follow the service.

Queen Elizabeth II and other royal family members will sit in the front row across the aisle from Middleton's parents and brother James. They will be closest to the abbey's sanctuary, where William and his bride will stand.

Foreign dignitaries, the Middletons' family friends, British government and defense officials, families of British soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, William's army colleagues, and people who work for William's charities will be seated around the abbey.

Palace officials said that only crowned heads of states are traditionally invited to royal weddings, and that political leaders who are not from the 54-member Commonwealth of nations, such as President Barack Obama or French President Nicolas Sarkozy, weren't sent invitations.

About 600 of the guests will then attend a champagne and canapes reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by the queen.

### Actress Paz de la Huerta sued over NYC bar ruckus

NEW YORK (AP)—First she in Swetra's leg while at a roofwas arrested, and now actress Paz de la Huerta has been sued over her encounter with a former reality TV figure she's accused of attacking in a swanky nightspot.

Samantha Swetra's lawsuit, filed Friday, says she was "maliciously assaulted, beaten and battered" on March 20 by the actress, best known for her role on HBO's "Boardwalk Empire."

De la Huerta's lawyer said she would tell her side of the story in court, "with the real facts."

"Paz thanks all her friends and fans for their continued support of her," added the attorney, Jamel Oeser-Sweat. Swetra's lawyer didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Authorities say de la Huerta, 26, punched Swetra in the face and tossed a glass that left cuts

top bar at the trendy Standard Hotel. De la Huerta faces assault and other charges.

"I'm a real actress-HBO. She's a publicity-seeker, a fake actress," de la Huerta later huffed to police, according to Manhattan prosecutors.

Swetra's lawsuit declares the actress' conduct "beyond all possible bounds of decency, atrocious and utterly intolerable in a civilized community" and seeks unspecified damages.

De la Huerta plays a lead character's girlfriend in the popular HBO series, set in Atlantic City during the Prohibition era. She also has appeared in films including "The Cider House Rules," "A Walk to Remember" and "The Limits of Control."

Swetra, a fashion buyer, appeared in several episodes of the MTV reality series "The City."



In this, Feb. 27, 2011 file photo, Paz de la Huerta arrives at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party at the Sunset Tower in Los Angeles.

# Charlie Sheen's police escort investigated in DC

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Charinto the popular vernacular. lie Sheen is fond of boasting about his "winning" ways, but D.C. authorities are now investigating how he won a highspeed police escort on his way to a show in downtown Washington this week.

Sheen posted a photo on his Twitter account Tuesday night showing a police car ahead of him with emergency lights flashing as he was escorted at least part of the way from Dulles International Airport to his stage show, "Violent Torpedo of Truth: Defeat is Not an Option." Sheen included a picture of a speedometer reaching about 80 mph and a message that read: "In car with Police escort in front and rear! Driving like someone's about to deliver a baby! Cop car lights (hash)Spinning!"

It was not clear exactly where along the route the photo was

At the time, the former "Two and a Half Men" star was running nearly an hour late for the show after having spent the early part of his day in divorce court in Los Angeles for a custody hearing over the twin sons he shares with his estranged wife, Brooke Mueller.

The police escort is the latest bit of news for the celebrity actor, who's waged a highprofile court fight to get his sitcom job back. He also has given a series of TV interviews in recent months that have launched phrases like "winning!" and "tiger blood"

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier said in a statement Friday that the escort, conducted by the department's Special Operations Division, appeared to violate police protocol in multiple ways and was being investigated by the internal affairs division.

She said emergency equipment, such as sirens and lights, was not to be used in nonemergency situations and that members of the department do not operate in other jurisdictions without the help of other law enforcement agencies. And she said escorts are generally reserved for the president, vice president and for visiting heads of state, though exceptions can be made but must be authorized by the assistant chief.

"It appears our protocols surrounding the approval of reimbursable details were not followed in this instance," the statement said.

Police spokeswoman Gwendolyn Crump said Sheen's promotion company, Live Nation Worldwide Inc., has written the District of Columbia a \$445 check to cover the cost of the escort.

D.C. Council member Phil Mendelson, who chairs the council's committee on public safety, said Friday he considered the escort inappropriate and was glad it was being investigated.

"It especially looks bad given that citizens are concerned about



This Jan. 28, 2009 file photo shows Charlie Sheen in Los Angeles.

cutbacks in the size of the force," Mendelson said. "Not only is it inappropriate to be escorting celebrities, it just amazes me that somebody who was the recipient of this would then go and broadcast it the way he did."

Sheen spokesman Larry Solters declined to comment Friday. A spokeswoman for D.A.R. Constitution Hall, where Sheen performed, said the venue had nothing to do with arranging transportation,

including the escort.

Kris Baumann, the chairman of the D.C. police union, said police escorts similar to the one provided to Sheen were common in Washington. He said venues or promotional companies will often hire officers for security with the understanding that the district will be reimbursed the cost of the detail. He said a lack of clearly articulated policies was contributing to confusion about when and where escorts were appropriate.

"The question becomes should we be doing it, and if we are doing it, what are the policies, what are the procedures to handle it?" he said.

#### Internet star **Antoine Dodson** arrested Saturday

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)— Internet viral video hit Antoine Dodson is accused of possession of marijuana and other minor charges in his home state of Alabama.

Dodson was booked on five misdemeanor charges after he was stopped pulled over for alleged speeding early Saturday morning in Huntsville. He was booked at about 2:30 a.m. but has been released.

Dodson became a reality sensation last year after a televised rant about a break-in at his sister's apartment was turned into a viral video that catapulted the 20-year-old into television appearances, blog mentions and other appearances.

He could not be immediately reached for comment Saturday. A message on Dodson's Twitter account about 11:30 a.m. read in part: "Just got out of jail off a weak charge.'

### Stepfather angry over affair is fueling family discord

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My mother and stepfather, "Rick," are being divorced after 12 years of marriage. Mom had an affair, and I understand that Rick is angry, but he is being vindictive. My sisters and I have tried hard to maintain a relationship with him, but he doesn't understand this is HIS divorce. It shouldn't involve us or the rest of the family, but Rick has involved everyone.



He says we have to choose sides, and if we're on his side, we must cut off contact with our mother. When we said we weren't about to take sides, he got angry. He has told his side of the family that we're horrible people, and they're not allowed to have contact with us any longer.

Abby, these are people we have known for 12 years. They want a relationship with us and we with them, but after the terrible things Rick has said about us, we don't know if we can face them. Please tell us what to do. Any advice would be helpful.

NEEDS AN OPINION IN VIRGINIA

DEAR NEEDS AN OPINION: Your almost-former stepfather is upset. He wants to punish your mother. For him to demand you "divorce" her in order to maintain a relationship with him is childish and unrealistic. The only person he's really isolating is himself, which is sad.

Rick's family has had 12 years to get to know you and your sisters. I'm sure they recognize that he is being irrational. Please don't allow yourselves to be intimidated by whatever he might have said about you. Talk to them. Burn no bridges. The divorce will end and life will go on. If the relationship you have had with these people was built on a solid foundation, it will endure.

DEAR ABBY: I am an average-looking, middle-aged woman. I have many friends and a career I love. What I do not have is a partner. It breaks my heart. I feel excluded from an important part of life —romantic love.

I have had relationships with men. All of them were disasters. At the age I am now, there seems to be little or no hope of finding anyone.

Most of my friends are married or in committed relationships, and I feel like an outsider. I am involved in my church and my career, and to all outward appearances, I look happy and successful.

But, Abby, inside I am terrified that I'll be alone forever. Sometimes I wonder how I will survive this life. How do I cope with my sadness and my fear of being alone forever? I hope for some good advice.

SINGLE IN DIXIE

**DEAR SINGLE:** There are worse things than being alone. Chief among them is being stuck in a relationship (formal or otherwise) with someone who isn't right for you. If you are spending most of your time with couples, perhaps you should arrange to spend more time with other singles. Expand your circle. Travel, if you can afford it. It will make you a less depressed, more interesting person to be around.

If you need help for your depression, talk to a therapist. But never tell yourself you will NEVER meet someone. It's self-defeating. People of every age meet and fall in love every day, and they are being married at later ages, too.

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Good advice for everyone-teens to seniors-is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a businesssize, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby—Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.) COPYRIGHT 2011 UNIVERSAL UCLICK

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mates and "insiders". Davies said Saturday that Watson, who plays Hermione in the wizard movie series, has decided to pursue a different course not offered at Brown.

Vanessa Davies denied re-

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actress was "bullied out" of

the Rhode Island university,

saying there was no truth in

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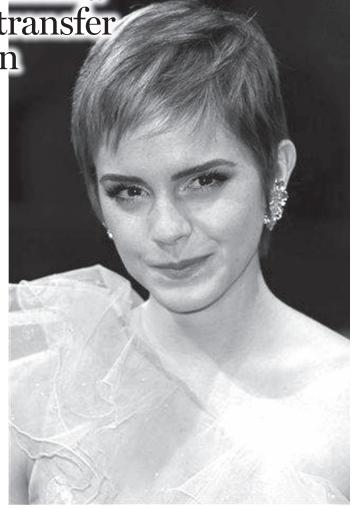
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the autumn.

She added that the star "has absolutely loved her time at Brown" and made many good friends there.

Watson has recently taken time out of her studies to focus on her movie career. She has said that her first days in college were difficult.

Davies did not identify the university Watson will be transferring to.



In this Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 FILE photo, actress Emma Watson arrives for the BAFTA Film Awards 2011, at The Royal Opera House in London.

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# **Pastimes**

#### Calvin and Hobbes

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason** Lee, 41; Renee Zellweger, 42; Hank Azaria, 47; Al Pacino, 71

Happy Birthday: The more discipline you possess, the easier it will be to outshine your competition. Trusting others to do things for you will teach you a valuable lesson. Recognize who your friends are. Everything around you is changing quickly and so should you be, if you want to keep up. Your numbers are 8, 13, 17, 20, 27, 31, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let anyone stand in your way. Use your skills to get things accomplished. You may not please everyone but that's to be expected. Don't let the little things bother you. Changes in your living arrangements will be necessary.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Expect to experience some setbacks due to a lack of communication. Try to approach problems with compassion and understanding but be prepared to clean house if you cannot come to

terms with what's going on around you. •• GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll accomplish things if you travel or participate in a business event. You will make valuable connections because you are articulate. Include an older family member or someone you respect in your plans and he or she will be an asset and will appreciate your thoughtfulness. OOOOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A problem with an elder at work or in your family will turn into a burden if you take the bulk of the responsibilities yourself. Try to get help. You'll have trouble controlling your emotions and this can result in nagging someone you love. 🛇 🔾 🔾



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can stabilize a partnership that has been iffy by making a few concessions. Funds will become available if you invest or get involved in an innovative business venture. Plan an enter-

taining evening.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use your creative talents to get ahead. Don't be afraid to make changes if it will help your financial position. You will have an excellent eye if you look for bargains. Go to flea markets or attend auctions. 200

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can have what you want if you use your intellect, charm and sophistication. Your passionate approach to whatever you do will be well received by both friends and colleagues. Your persuasive tactics will work when it comes to love and romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect your home and family life to be disrupted. Getting along, coupled with acceptance, is the key. Don't be afraid to ask for help. You'll be surprised how willing friends and relatives can

be. Things are not as bad as you think. •• SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Surround yourself with friends and family.

Making alterations to your lifestyle will enhance important relationships. The way you do things around home will add to your comfort and security. Set a budget and stick to it. OOOO

**EUGENIA** 

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fi-

nancial limitations due to poor investments or unforeseen expenses must be avoided. Listen to the advice of someone who is money-wise. Romance is highlighted. Do something nice for the one you love and you will get the same in return.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Past goals and people you used to have common interests with will play an important role in your life now. Secure your financial situation by putting a strict budget in place. Don't let your emotions get in the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need to relax and get your mind off your work and your worries. You may want to contemplate a professional or residential move in the near future.

Get involved in humanitarian groups. Birthday Baby: You're a dreamer and a charmer. You are articulate, quick to react and curious. You are hopeful about life and love.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's SUDOKU Answer								
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#### WONDERWORD

By DAVID

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# Pacers defeat Bulls to avoid elimination



**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Chicago's fans traveled to Indiana by the thousands, planning to celebrate a first-round playoff sweep.

The Pacers sent the red and blackclad swarm back home disappointed. After fourth-quarter collapses in each of the first three games, Indiana avoided elimination by holding off a furious rally to beat the Bulls 89-84 in Game 4 of the first-round Eastern Conference series on Saturday afternoon.

The Pacers not only faced superstar guard Derrick Rose and the pressure of a 3-0 deficit in the series, they dealt with an unexpected roadblock - a hostile environment on its home floor at Conseco Fieldhouse. The crowd shocked Pacers center Jeff Foster, who has played for the Pacers for his entire 12-year NBA career.

"I have seen every professional game in this arena, and I have never seen anything like that," he said.

The young Pacers maintained their composure.

"We've lost games like this recently where they have come back," Pacers interim coach Frank Vogel said. "Today we grew, and we held them off."

The Bulls still lead the series 3-1 and will have a chance to close it out at home Tuesday.

Danny Granger led the Pacers with 24 points, including four free throws in the final 14.1 seconds while being booed. He said the team remembered its earlier failures in the series.

"Maybe there were a few flash-backs," he said. "More importantly, I was just trying to get my team to calm down. We lost our poise those last two or three minutes and I was just trying to get them calmed down a little bit."

Chicago's Carlos Boozer missed a 3-pointer that could have tied the game in the closing seconds. The Bulls were looking to set up Luol Deng for the final shot

"I caught the ball at the elbow and I was supposed to set a backscreen for Luol," Joakim Noah, who led the Bulls with 21 points and 14 rebounds, said. "They played it well, they denied the dribble handoff. Really, it was a mental mistake. When you're in that position, you've got to call timeout, so we learn from it."

The Pacers never trailed and broke through after losing the first three games by a combined 15 points. The Pacers squandered double-digit leads in the first two games and a five-point lead in the fourth quarter of Game 3.

It was Indiana's first playoff win since 2006.

Vogel had been disappointed that Indiana's efforts against the top seed in the East hadn't been rewarded with a win.

"I think we deserve to be in the series," he said. "I'm still upset that it's 1-3. We should be up in the series."

Rose, who averaged 32.7 points in the first three games, finished with 15 points and 10 assists. He sprained his left ankle late in the first quarter and scored eight points on 3-for-16 shooting the rest of the way.

"A sprained ankle is going to slow you down a little bit, but all of my shots were on line," he said. "They were just short. No excuses. It's the playoffs. I've sprained my ankle many times, you've just got to make shots."

Chicago trailed 84-71 with 2:17 remaining before making a final rally.



Indiana Pacers' Roy Hibbert, left, blocks the shot of Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose during the second half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball series in Indianapolis, Saturday, April 23, 2011. Indiana won, 89-84.

A three-point play by Deng cut Indiana's lead to 84-77 with 1:36 to go. A goaltending call against Roy Hibbert on a shot by Boozer sliced the deficit to 84-79 with 46.5 seconds remaining, and a steal and dunk by Rose pulled the Bulls within 84-81.

Mike Dunleavy hit the second of two free throws with 17.9 seconds left to make it 85-81.

Noah made a layup with 15.3 seconds remaining, and Foster fouled him while trying to take a charge. Noah made the free throw to cut Indiana's lead to 85-84.

The Pacers barely got the ball inbounds, but Granger was fouled with 14.1 seconds left. Through a booing crowd on his home court, Granger made both free throws to

make it 87-84.

Boozer's 3-point try from the left corner was short, and Granger rebounded. Granger made two free throws with a second remaining to close the deal.

The Bulls shot just 38 percent.

Rose came up hobbling after going for a layup against Darren Collison. Rose went to the locker room briefly before returning to the bench. He reentered the game with 10:29 left in the second quarter.

Indiana closed the first half on a 17-3 run to take a 49-33 lead at the break. Ten different Pacers scored before halftime.

Early in the third quarter, Hibbert blocked Rose on a layup attempt. Granger collected the rebound then dribbled nearly the length of the floor for a layup to give the Pacers a 55-37 lead.

Things nearly fell apart for Indiana again, but the Pacers had just enough.

"The mentality is play it like it's the last game you ever play in your life," Granger said. "We played like that tonight."

The Bulls now have to regroup for the first time this postseason.

"It's a tough loss," Noah said. "We didn't play well in the first half, so we definitely have to do a better job with that, and I think we're a team that deals with adversity pretty well."

#### Thunder 97, Nuggets 94

In Denver, Serge Ibaka matched a career high with 22 points as Oklahoma City beat Denver to take a 3-0 lead in their playoff series.

Ibaka, a second-year pro from Congo who led the league with 198 blocks during the regular season, also had a career-high 16 rebounds.

Kevin Durant scored 26 points and Russell Westbrook added 23 for Oklahoma City. The Thunder can wrap up the series in Game 4 on Monday, giving the team its first playoff series win since moving from Seattle in 2008.

J.R. Smith scored 15 points and Arron Afflalo and Chris Andersen each added 13 for the Nuggets.

### Trail Blazers 84, Mavericks 82

In Portland, Oregon, Brandon Roy sank the go-ahead bank shot with 39 seconds left to cap Portland's 23-point, secondhalf comeback as the Trail Blazers defeated Dallas 84-82 to even their series at two games apiece.

Roy, who has struggled since undergoing arthroscopic surgery on both knees in January, had 18 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter.

The Blazers missed their first 15 shots from the floor in the third quarter as Dallas took a 64-41 lead. But Portland slowly chipped away at the lead and leveled the score at 82 with 1:06 remaining after Roy hit a 3-pointer and free throw.

Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points to lead the Mavericks.

Both teams have won twice at home in their best-of-seven playoff series, which heads to Dallas on Monday.

#### Grizzlies 91, Spurs 88

At Memphis, Tennessee, Zach Randolph scored 25 points, including a rare 3-pointer with 41.9 seconds left, to lift Memphis past top-seeded San Antonio.

Marc Gasol scored 17 points, Mike Conley had 14 and O.J. Mayo had 10 off the bench for Memphis, which took a 2-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

The Grizzlies are trying to become just the fourth No. 8-seeded team to knock off a No. 1 team in the playoffs.

Argentine Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Tony Parker added 16 for the Spurs, who trailed by as many as 15 before rallying to tie the game twice in the final 8:06, the last time at 80 on a Ginobili free throw.

# Stoudemire may miss Game 4 as Celtics go for sweep

**GREENBURGH, N.Y.** (AP)—At his best, Rajon Rondo can seize a rebound, dart away from defenders, and set himself or an All-Star teammate up for a basket.

Amare Stoudemire can shake a backboard with a powerful dunk, or scare a spectator sitting courtside by forcefully blocking a shot out of bounds.

He can't right now, though.

Rondo is rolling and Stoudemire is sore, a big reason the Boston Celtics will bring a 3-0 lead over the New York Knicks into Game 4 of their first-round series on Sunday.

The Celtics will be looking for their first sweep since beating Indiana in three games in 1992, so long ago that it was Larry Bird's last playoff series victory.

After needing seven games just to get out of the first round in both 2008 and '09, they would welcome the chance to do something easily for a change— especially with likely second-round opponent Miami poised to finish a sweep of its series with Philadelphia.

"I've never been part of a sweep, but I don't like to think about that stuff. We don't worry about that stuff," forward Paul Pierce said after practicing at Madison Square Garden. "It's about getting better one game at a time. We want to close the series, but they're not going to give it to us."

Rondo controlled the last two games, first with a surprising scoring outburst, then with a Celtics playoff-record 20 assists Friday in his sixth postseason tripledouble. He is averaging 18.3 points, 12 assists and 8.0 rebounds, the type of allaround play that led Boston to the NBA finals last season.

"He seems always to be at his top level. I'm not surprised by what he does. I think the big thing as far as Rondo that I was shocked about when I arrived to Boston was his knowledge of the game, being so young," center Jermaine O'Neal said. "A lot of that comes through his experience of playing, but he has the ability to take over a game without scoring a lot of points. His ability to direct the offense, direct defense, get guys involved, it's one of the best in the league, if not the best in the league."

Meanwhile, Stoudemire had trouble just moving around, and with his aching back feeling worse Saturday, he said he won't play Sunday unless he feels better, adding he was below 50 percent in Friday's 113-96 loss.

"It's tough, I mean it really is. My game is very explosive. I love contact, I love to get to the basket, I love to draw fouls, I love to dunk ... that's my style of play. And so with a bad back, it's kind

of tough to play that way," Stoudemire said. "There are adjustments to be made in order to be effective, but again, I don't want to get out there and further injure my injury, and so it all depends on how I feel tomorrow and see if I can go."

The Knicks will probably be without point guard Chauncey Billups, who missed the last two games after straining his left knee on a drive to the basket in the closing seconds of the opener.

New York nearly won that game and Stoudemire said he felt confident after scoring 28 points that the Knicks could win the series. Then he hurt his back dunking during warmups before Game 2, leaving Carmelo Anthony as the only healthy Knicks star, and that's not nearly enough against a Boston team with four All-Stars in its starting lineup.

Though he said "life ain't fair," Anthony repeated that the Knicks can't use injuries as an excuse.

"We've got to do what we've got to do. The Xs and Os go out the window, and we've just got to play basketball," Anthony said. "We've got to fight. It's a war, it's a battle and the most important thing is just how much pride we got. I don't want to get swept, we don't want to get swept, but we've got to go out there and just leave it all out there on the court and see what happens."

# Rodriguez grand slam lifts Yankees past Orioles



BALTIMORE (AP)—Alex Rodriguez hit a milestone

grand slam and drove in six runs and CC Sabathia earned his first win of the season as the New York Yankees pounded the Baltimore Orioles 15-3 in the American League on Saturday.

Rodriguez connected with the bases loaded against Josh Rupe in a sevenrun eighth inning. It was his 22nd career slam, pushing him past Manny Ramirez into second place on the career list behind only Lou Gehrig (23).

Russell Martin homered twice, and Jorge Posada and Brett Gardner also connected for the Yankees, who lead the majors with 35 home runs.

Sabathia (1-1) allowed three runs and six hits in eight innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Brad Bergesen (0-3) gave up six runs and eight hits in six innings.

#### Red Sox 5, Angels 0

In Anaheim, California, Daisuke Matsuzaka allowed one hit and struck out nine over eight innings as Boston won its fourth straight.

Matsuzaka (2-2) allowed only four baserunners, none of which got past second. The only hit off the right-hander came with one out in the second — a line drive by Alberto Callaspo.

The Angels' only other hit was an infield single by Erick Aybar against Daniel Bard leading off the ninth.

Ervin Santana (0-3) gave up five runs and nine hits in seven innings, raising his ERA to 5.51.

Kevin Youkilis homered for the Red Sox.

#### Tigers 9, White Sox O

In Detroit, Brad Penny pitched a nohitter into the sixth inning and Ryan Raburn drove in three runs to lead Detroit to its eighth straight win over Chicago.

Penny (1-2) allowed one hit and walked two in seven innings. His bid for a no-hitter was ended in the sixth when Brent Morel reached on a single after Miguel Cabrera couldn't field a catch cleanly at first and missed the tag on Morel.

The official scorer called it a hit, not an error, which would have kept the nohitter intact.

Penny started the game winless with a 8.44 ERA in his first season with the Tigers

Edwin Jackson (2-2) gave up eight runs on 12 hits and four walks over 5 2-3 innings.

#### Twins 10, Indians 3

In Minneapolis, Justin Morneau had a big two-run single in his return from a five-game absence due to illness as Minnesota broke out of an offensive slump with a big win over Cleveland.

Danny Valencia hit a two-run homer and Jason Kubel had two hits and three RBIs for the Twins, who scored more than five runs in a game for the first time this season.

Brian Duensing (2-0) gave up one run on five hits in seven innings.

Fausto Carmona (1-3) gave up six runs on seven hits and walked four in five innings for the Indians.

#### Rays 6, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Ben Zobrist hit a three-run homer and David Price remained perfect against Toronto as Tampa Bay ended a



New York Yankees, left to right, Curtis Granderson, partially blocked, Mark Teixeira and Derek Jeter greet Alex Rodriguez after he hit a grand slam against the Baltimore Orioles in the eighth inning of a baseball game, Saturday, April 23, 2011, in Baltimore.

two-game losing streak.

Johnny Damon also homered for the Rays.

Jose Bautista hit a pair of solo home runs, the 12th multihomer game of his career, but the rest of the Blue Jays struggled against Price, now 7-0 with a 2.30 ERA in eight career games against Toronto. The Rays have won all eight games.

Price, who has won three straight starts, allowed three runs and eight hits in eight-plus innings.

#### Rangers 3, Royals 1

In Arlington, Texas, Alexi Ogando allowed one run pitching into the seventh inning and Michael Young extended his hitting streak to 13 games as Texas beat Kansas City.

Ogando (3-0) held the Royals scoreless until Kila Ka'aihue led off the seventh with a homer on the right-hander's 14th and final pitch. He struck out five, walked one and allowed five hits.

By losing the first two games in the three-game set, the Royals became the last team in MLB to lose a series this season

Kyle Davies (1-2) limited the Rangers to three runs and four hits over six innings.

#### Athletics 9, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Coco Crisp broke Oakland's 20-inning scoreless streak with an RBI double and Cliff Pennington and Kevin Kouzmanoff both homered as the A's trounced Seattle.

Crisp's double in the third inning off Seattle starter Jason Vargas (0-2) scored the A's first run since the ninth inning on Wednesday against Boston.

The A's were shut out in the first two games of the series against Seattle, the first time Oakland was held scoreless in consecutive games since May 2008.

Oakland's Trevor Cahill (3-0) gave up one run and seven hits in six innings.

#### Cubs 10, Dodgers 8

In Chicago, Jeff Baker hit a two-run double in the eighth inning as the Chicago Cubs got a banner day from the top of their lineup in a wild 10-8 vic-

tory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League on Saturday.

Starlin Castro, Darwin Barney and Marlon Byrd combined for nine hits, six RBIs and four runs as the Cubs roughed up Ted Lilly in his return to Chicago.

Castro tied a career high with four hits and Reed Johnson went 2 for 3 and scored twice.

#### Mets 6, Diamondbacks 4

In New York, Jason Bay homered and drove in three runs and Ike Davis went deep for the third straight game as the Mets held off Arizona for their third straight win.

Dillon Gee (2-0) went six innings and allowed two earned runs—an RBI triple by Stephen Drew and a solo

homer by Miguel Montero that tied the game in the sixth.

Daniel Murphy hit the go-ahead single in the sixth inning, then followed with another RBI single in the eighth.

Barry Enright (0-2) allowed five runs and 12 hits in 5 2-3 innings. He's allowed at least four runs in all four of his starts this season.

#### **Braves 5, Giants 2**

In San Francisco, Tim Hudson came within one out of his first complete game this year and Martin Prado drove in Atlanta's first three runs as the Braves got just their third series win of the season.

Hudson (3-2) allowed nine hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter in a 112-pitch outing.

Tim Lincecum (2-2) was tagged for five runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

#### Reds 5, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Miguel Cairo hit a twoout, two-run, go-ahead single in the eighth inning to lift Cincinnati past St. Louis.

The slumping Reds had lost seven of nine games before getting the victory.

Aroldis Chapman (1-0) picked up the win after getting two outs in the seventh. Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his third save and No. 293 for his career, putting him even with Jason Isringhausen for 22nd on the all-time list.

Miguel Batista (1-1) got the loss for the Cardinals, whose three-game winning streak ended.

#### Rockies 3, Marlins 1

In Miami, Jason Hammel pitched a season-high 6 2-3 innings and bunted home a run to lead Colorado.

The NL West-leading Rockies broke Florida's four-game winning streak and improved to 8-2 on the road.

Hammel (2-1) allowed seven hits and one run. Three relievers combined to pitch 2 1-3 perfect innings, and Hus-

ton Street pitched the ninth for his seventh save in as many chances.

#### Pirates 7, Nationals 2

In Pittsburgh, Andrew McCutchen scored three runs, stole two bases and singled as Pittsburgh rode a fiverun first inning to beat Washington.

Lyle Overbay had two hits and two RBIs to help the Pirates end a three-game losing skid, and Jose Tabata and Ronny Cedeno had two hits each.

Jeff Karstens (2-0) allowed two runs and six hits in six-plus innings, with one walk and three strikeouts.

Jayson Werth homered for Washington, which lost its third in a row.

#### Astros 9, Brewers 6, 10 innings

In Milwaukee, Humberto Quintero hit a two-out, two-run double in the 10th inning to lift Houston.

Quintero's hit off Sean Green (0-1) came an inning after he couldn't tag Ryan Braun quickly enough at the plate to prevent the game from going to extra innings.

Braun hit a two-run homer in the seventh to extend his streak of reaching base safely to 20 games.

Brandon Lyon (1-1) pitched the 10th inning to get the win and drove in a run with his first MLB hit.

### Phillies 4, Padres 2, 11 innings

In San Diego, Ryan Howard hit a twoout, two-run double in the 11th inning as Philadelphia beat San Diego.

Howard hit a fly ball to deep left off Cory Luebke after Jimmy Rollins was intentionally walked.

Kyle Kendrick (1-1) pitched a perfect 10th for the win. Ryan Madson pitched the 11th for his second save in as many chances.

The Phillies have won 10 straight and 14 of 15 in San Diego since 2008.

# Donald a round away from No. 1

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.

(AP)—Luke Donald was more concerned about who was behind him at The Heritage than what's ahead should he win Sunday.

Donald shot a 1-under 70 on Saturday to take a one-stroke leader over defending champion Jim Furyk after three rounds at Harbour Town Golf Links. A victory would vault the third-ranked Donald to No. 1. Donald knows if thinks too much about that, he'll lose sight of the stellar field trying to chase him down.

"I think there's a bunch of people behind us that have a good chance, too, so I don't count anyone

else out," he said. "It should be a good battle out there."

It usually is with Donald and Furyk. Furyk, the American ranked 13th in the world, used a par save from the bunker on the 72nd hole to win the Tour Championship by a stroke over Donald last year and claim the \$10 million FedEx Cup bonus.

Donald came right back the next week, beating Furyk 1-up in Ryder Cup singles in Europe's victory.

"I got a little revenge," he said.

This time the prize for Donald would be two-fold: His first season with multiple wins on the PGA Tour and the elevation to No. 1 in the world.

There were seven of the world's top 20 players here this week, a field strong enough to push Donald past the idle No. 1 Martin Kaymer and No. 2 Lee Westwood.

Westwood would take the top spot with a win at the Indonesian Masters, where he holds a five-stroke lead, should Donald falter.

The two Englishmen exchanged messages about their play.

Heritage about their play.

"Yeah, he sent me a message vesterday just

saying, 'Good playing,' and I sent one back," Donald said. "We're obviously Ryder Cup partners and we're friends off the course. We never wish bad on each other."

Donald let a few early nerves show through by hitting his approach to par-5 second hole out of bounds left, leading to a double-bogey 7 that dropped him from the lead.

But Donald steeled himself with two solid par saves on the third and fourth holes when his iron play was shaky. He was in the rough in front of a trap on par-4 third, yet chipped it up to 6 feet for the par.

Then, Donald was well right of the green on the par-3 fourth. Again, he saved himself with the short game, chipping inside of 2 feet.

Donald regained his momentum

on the par-5 fifth with a 12 footer for birdie.
"Those up-and-downs and keep-

ing some momentum going where I wasn't going completely backwards was big for me," Donald said.

Brendon de Jonge (66) and Scott Verplank (67) were two shots behind at 9 under. Masters runner-up Jason Day (71), Ricky Barnes (67) and Tommy Gainey (67) were 8 under.

Furyk held the lead for much of the back nine at Harbour Town Golf Links, but bogeyed the closing lighthouse hole for a 69 to drop back.

Donald, who won the Match Play Championship and was fourth at the Masters, called on the steady, focused style that made him one of the world's best to move back to the top with birdies on the fifth and seventh holes. Donald's put his approach on the 16th hole to 3 feet for his final birdie to reach 11 under.

# Jones posts 21 strikeouts in Stars win

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Josh Jones sat down 21 batters in Natibu Northern Stars'

2-1 win over the IT&E Fielders during their Big League game last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

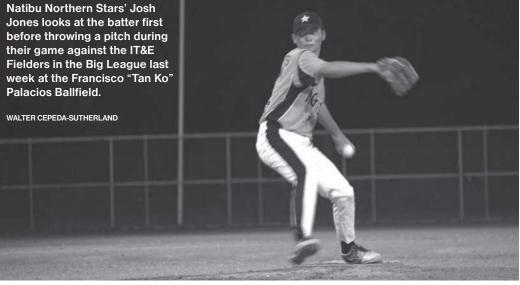
The win put the Northern Stars on top of the team standings with their 7-1 card, while IT&E dropped to second at 6-2.

In other results in the Saipan Little League Baseball, the Majors division's Natibu Tanapag Falcons (3-3) routed IT&E (3-7), 18-6, in six innings and Rep. Joseph P. DLGuerreo-Tan Siu Lin-Mike P. Tenorio Dandan Comets (5-4) rallied over the Attorney Robert T. Torres Kagman Little Legals (2-10). The Juniors' Falcons (6-4) trotted over the Saipan Shipping-Pacific Amusement Jets (3-7), 20-12, and the Rep. Ramon S. Basa Kagman Lions (4-6) defeated the Ol'Aces (4-8), 5-2.

#### **BIG LEAGUE Northern Stars 2.** IT&E Fielders 1

IT&E scored its only run in the

Jones looks at the batter first before throwing a pitch during their game against the IT&E Fielders in the Big League last Palacios Ballfield.



first inning when Juan Maratita drove in Mike Tenorio who smashed a one-out triple.

Northern Stars tied the game in the top of the second when Dodet Feliciano stole home.

Jones then struck out the side three times in a row and managed a 1-2-3 inning in the top of the fifth. IT&E pitcher Nathan Guerrero also held the Stars scoreless through the remainder of regulation and came back out to handle the eighth frame.

Then in the top of the ninth. the Stars' Eric Tenorio brought home Jones with a double for the go-ahead run, after which Guerrero was tapped by Kevin Villagomez to close the last out.

Jones finished strong and struck out the side to secure the win. He had 21 strikeouts in nine innings and gave up one earned run off three hits.

#### **MAJORS** Comets 11, **Little Legals 8**

The Little Legals took an early 5-0 lead in the first inning off RBI singles by Pedro Maratita, Kevin Kabiriel, and Vincent Ogo; the other two runs scored off errors.

The Comets got a run back in the bottom frame off an error. Then Legals went ahead, 8-1, in the second off a two-RBI triple by Maratita and a sacrifice fly by Kabiriel.

Comets' Erik Cruz blasted a two-run homer in the bottom frame and his team pulled with a run, 7-8, in the third off a double by Aurel Mendiola, a single by Cassius Fitial, and a couple errors.

The Comets held Legals scoreless for the remainder of a four-run lift in the fifth inning.

#### Falcons 18, IT&E 6

IT&E managed a 4-0 lead in the opening frame off errors and an RBI drive by Ray Borja, but the Falcons managed to get two back off a double by Juan Quitugua and tied the game at 4-all in the bottom of the second.

IT&E managed a couple runs off an RBI walk and a passed ball to start the third, but the Falcons trudged ahead, 12-6, in the bottom frame.

The Falcons held IT&E in the top of the fourth and scored more than they needed for the mercy decision thanks to a walk off three-run blast by Quitugua.

#### **JUNIOR LEAGUE** Lions 5, Ol'Aces 2

The Lions' Cedric Ada broke the ice with an RBI single in the top of the third inning.

Then the Lions jumped ahead, 5-0, in the top of the fourth off a two-RBI triple by Jun Malite, an RBI knock by Giovanni Taitingfong, and an error.

The Ol'Aces scored their only two runs in the fifth inning off four walks. Notably,

on Saturday, 6-4, 6-1. Thea's

the game and took the lead with the Ol'Aces put this game under protest due to the Lions' illegal pitching substitution.

#### Falcons 20, Jets 12

The Falcons hit the board first off an RBI walk in the top of the first inning, but the Jets answered and took 3-1 lead in the bottom frame off a pair of RBI singles by Kyle Hocog and Ray Saralu and a sacrifice fly by Nathan Sablan.

The Falcons briefly tied the games at 3-all in the top of the second off errors, but the Jets shot ahead, 10-3, in the bottom frame. In the inning, Saralu and Ray Tudela busted two-RBI rips, while Sablan and Jonathan Villagomez smashed RBI singles; the other run came home

J.J. Lifoifoi also came to the mound in this inning for Darion Jones to close the final out and eventually help the Falcons grab the lead and the win. He contained the Jets after their second inning uprising and allowed only three earned runs in five and a third innings off six hits and two walks with five strikeouts. Twenty Falcon batters were issued free passage to first base.

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Meanwhile, other champions in the girls division of the two-weekend tournament were Mikayla Lopez, Julia Ishikawa,

and Thea Minor.

Lopez regained the girls U15 tiara after topping fellow diminutive netter Negahr Rastguiy in the finals yesterday, 6-4, 6-4. Lopez won in the Coconut Classic, but had her winning run snapped in the PIC tournament

when she bowed to Guam's Chloe Gadsden.

In the CNMI championship, Lopez found her rhythm anew, sweeping Adele Hudkins in the semis, 6-0, 6-2, during Week 1 of the tournament before posting another victory via sweep

over Rastguiy in Week 2. Rastguiy advanced to the finals after a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 triumph against Melody Johnson.

Lopez also gained a finals en-

try in the girls U18 singles, but the much older and experienced Thea Minor won the title match

wa shut out Tania Tan, 8-0. Tan booked a finals berth after an 8-1 win over Ami Tsukagoshi on Saturday, while Ishikawa followed suit after an 8-2 triumph against Malika Miyawaki, 8-3.

Results of the competition in the boys division will be published on Saipan Tribune's Tuesday edition.

#### **RUKIZ**

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of fun and it was a great workout," the Tinian pride said.

"Keli showed up in top form and basically ran a BJJ clinic for those in attendance. I was stoked to see him take part in the event," Trech Tech president Cuki Alvarez said.

During Saturday's competition, Manglona went through Ryan Bustamante of Guam's Universal Alliance and Counter Shot with an arm lock tap out victory about two minutes into their middleweight bout. He later had rear-naked choke win over Trench Tech's Ron Chisato nearly two minutes into their Independent Tim Borja and

Trench Tech's Jacob Haught won the bronze medals in the middleweight and light-heavyweight divisions, respectively.

Bustamante also joined the welterweight bout and this time won over Vince Masga with a rear-naked choke at 1:35 into the first round, while Kimo Lizama of Guam's Gracie Barra BJJ, settled for bronze after a win against Trench Tech's Rey Kim, 3-0.

Marianas Elite's Derick "El Peligro" Rangamar topped the featherweight division over a stout field of 26, claiming the gold medal against Taylor Taitague of Guam's The Pound BJJ Academy. Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez won the featherweight bronze via light-heavy gold medal match. Limura arm-lock over brother and teammate Alverick at the

two-minute mark of the match.

Rangamar also made it to the lightweight gold medal match against Shane Alvarez, but fell a little short in sudden death. Trench Tech's Chris "No Love" Layuug took the bronze after defeating teammate Vince Masga, 4-2.

Rangamar was put through three tough matches, two of which went into sudden death. He arose victorious in the first two, but could not complete the hat trick against the much rested Shane Alvarez, who-locked in a rear naked choke at the threeminute mark of the duel.

In the heavyweight division, Mylo "Locksmith" Lassiter topped Barrigada BJJ's John Aguon Jr. in the gold medal bout, 8-5. Kelvin Fitial joined the division but was issued a

loss via forfeiture in his first bout. He later took the bronze medal after a guillotine choke tap out over Trench Tech's Jacob Haught in the final seconds of the match.

Guam swept the bantamweight division with The Pound's Shane Aguon taking the gold medal for the second straight year after defeating Spike 322 Guam's Kenji Okiyama, 8-5. Then 15-year-old Tex Aguon of Guam's Barrigada BJJ won the bronze over Predator Combat Team's "Tabi" Jay Muna.

Meanwhile, Trench Tech would also like to thank Miller-Lite, Docomo Pacific, Budget Rent-a Car, Century Hotel, Konflikt MMA, The Trapp and Hagu Next for supporting

Art of War 6.

dropped both games. Besides Yang, the CNMI sent

eree in the Guam competition.

The Guam tournament and the qualifiers will have its final day of competition today.

older sister, Theecel, placed third after a straight set victory over Amy Arenovski, 6-1, 6-0. Thea defeated Arenovski in the semis, 6-0, 6-0, to set up finals duel against Lopez, who eliminated Theecel in the other semis match, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.

In the girls U10 finals, Ishika-

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February, beating many-time champion Southern Methodist University for the Rainbow Warriors' first title since 2006. In the conference swim, the Marianas High School graduate made it to the finals of

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three events.

Like Wong, Mancao also represented the CNMI in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau and won a gold medal in the triathlon team event and bronze in the individual race. Mancao started competing in middle distance run races before switching to triathlon and cycling a few years ago.

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both cadet and junior categories will represent Oceania in the two world tournaments. Besides the CNMI, other Oceania Table Tennis Federation-member countries participating in the qualifier are Australia, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Palau, the Solomon Islands, and Tahiti

In the Oceania cadet team

qualifying tournament, Yang won his debut, surviving 2010 Micronesian Games veteran Dillon Meriang of Palau in five sets, 9-11, 11-9, 8-11, 15-13, 14-12.

Next up for the 15-year-old Yang was Kiribati's Teitua Beia and this time, the CNMI bet lost, 7-11, 13-15, 12-14. Yang then suffered back-to-back losses when he was paired against Australia's Steven Phan and bowed in three sets, 0-11, 6-11, 4-11.

With his 1-2 record, Yang

dropped to the consolation draw in his age group and dueled Rob Dorovolomo of the Solomon Islands. The CNMI ping-pong player won the first set, 11-8, but lost the next three, 6-11, 6-11, 8-11, failing to end his losing skid in the tournament. Yang ended up in 11th place in the cadet boys division.

Yang also joined the Oceania junior team competition, as organizers allowed nations with only one representative to join forces with other players. The CNMI bet was paired with Meriang. The duo played against New Zealand and Kiribati representatives and

two more representatives to the World Junior Circuit event in Jean Shi Shuqin and MATTA president Steve Lim. Shi coaches Yang, while Lim is the deputy ref-

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Philadelphia 4, San Diego 2, 11 innings

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# Weekend Sports

# CNMI jr. netters, swimmers, Guam cagers on spotlight

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

NMI junior tennis players and swimmers shared the week's headlines with Guam youth cagers.

The Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association held Week 1 of the competition in the 2011 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships with Mikayla

Rastguiy, Tammy Ackerman, Isabel Heras, Moris Villanueva, and Colin Ramsey gaining finals entry in their respective singles events.

Jake Lee, Carl Dela Cruz, Angelo Jones, Amami Sakano, Clayton Izuka, Alex Park, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, Julia Ishikawa, Malika Miyawaki, Tania Tan, and Ami Tsukagoshi advanced to the semis

end competition at the American Memorial Park.

Over at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, Tsunami Saipan swimmers crushed age group records 14 times and ended up setting 10 new marks, while Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru added one in the CNMI record books.

Shattering records for Tsunami Saipan during the All Is-

Lopez, Thea Minor, Negahr after Week 1 of the two-week- land Invitational 3 were Lukas Kang, Ryuto Yanai, Kensuke Kimura, and Angel Marie Tan. Kang made four new records in the boys U8 age group, while Yanai, Kimura, and Tan had two each.

> Over at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, Guam Dragons swept all four divisions in the 2nd Annual Docomo Easter Friendship Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The visiting Dragons topped Rollers in the U12 finals, 52-31; defeated 670 Rollers in the U15 title game, 48-37; downed the Saints in the U20 championship match, 70-51; and stunned Guam's Mong Mong Toto Maite Falcons in the U17 finale, 51-39.

Other notables events last weekend were McDonald's show of continued support to the All Schools Athletics Cham-

pionships; the on going regular season games in the Saipan Little League Baseball, Chamolian Softball League, Miller Lite caging, and NMIFA youth and men's spring leagues; Diane Camacho, Jonathan Eparwa, and M.J. Aldan's wins in the Saipan Bowling Association April roll-offs; and Rene Batallones. William Retardo and Nazareno Ortiz victories in their respective golf tournaments.



Guam Dragons (in white uniform) and Rollers players battle for the rebound during their U12 game in the Easter caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

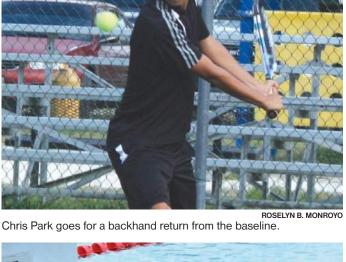


Seiya Eda returns the ball during his and Tommy Choi's double game against Chris Park and Chris Cajigan in the 2011 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships at the AMP tennis court last week





ROSELYN B. MONROYO Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru swims in the 50m butterfly event during the All Island Invitational 3 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.





Tsunami Saipan's Lukas Kang gets ready for the 100m backstroke race during the All Island Invitational 3 at the Kan Pacific Swimming



ROSELYN B MONROYO Northern Marianas Athletics officials, from left, Elias Rangamar, Gordon Marciano, and Ramon Tebuteb pose with the donated check the group received from McDonald's Saipan store manager Marcia Ayuyu during a turnover ceremony at McDonald's Middle Road last week.



MP United's Dakota Hall, left, and a Shirley's player chase the ball during their game in the NMIFA youth league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



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nior Championships at the AMP

tennis courts vesterday.

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ammy Ackerman completed a sweep of the last three tournaments under the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's 2010-2011 calendar of events after ruling the girls U15 singles in the 2011 CNMI Junior Championships.



DFS netfest. Heras and Ackerman arranged their title tiff in the girls U15 singles after downing Carol Lee, 6-1, 1-0 (retired) and Emily Jones, 6-2, 6-2, respectively. It was Heras' first time to make it to the championship match in the said age group this year, as in the past two tournaments, Ackerman faced Jones in the finals.

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# 'Rukiz' strikes golds in Art of

By WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu purple-belt holder Keli "Rukiz" Manglona had a surprised participation in the Art of War 6 Grappling and Pacific Xtreme Combat's "The Submission Challenge and went on

to win gold medals in the middleweight and light-heavyweight divisions of

Saturday's competition at the Trench Tech Purebred Gym in San Antonio.

The Wand Fight Team and Legion BJJ fighter, who also represented Trench Tech and Zeng Zung flew in from Las Vegas and managed to compete in Art of War 6 after Guam's

Rematch" was postponed last weekend. "The timing just

happened to work out. Other than spending some quality time with family I didn't have anything else to do. I had a lot

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WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

Keli "Rukiz" Manglona pins down Ron Chisato during their gold medal bout in the light-heavyweight competition in the Art of War 6 Grappling and Submission Challenge on Saturday at the Trench Tech Purebred Gym in San Antonio.

#### CNMI represented in world ping-pong tourney By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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Marianas High School's David Yang made history last week, as he became the first ping-

pong player from the CNMI to compete in an International Table Tennis Federation World Junior Circuit event through the 2011 Calvo Enterprises

Guam Junior and Cadet Open Table Tennis Tournament.

The tournament, which started on April 21 and is being played at the University of Guam Fieldhouse, doubles as an Oceania qualifying event for the World Junior Team Championship and the Global Cadet Challenge Team Championship. The Top 4 players in the girls and boys divisions in

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David Yang, left, and coach Jean Shi Shugin pose at the University of Guam Fieldhouse during a break in the competition of the 2011 Calvo Enterprises Guam Junior and Cadet Open Table Tennis Tournament

# Wong, Mancao off to World University Games

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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Rezne Wong and Matthew Mancao were selected to represent the

CNMI to the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China, in August.

The University of Hawaii-Manoa student Wong will be competing in swimming, while Mancao, who is enrolled at the University of Guam, is entered in cycling. Wong and Mancao's participation in the 2011 World University Games marks the first time that the CNMI will be represented in the biennial competition for college or post high school students.

The International University Sports Federation is organiz-



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ing the event, which will feature student-athletes from 180 member-countries, including the CNMI. Over 13,000 athletes and officials are expected to take part in the 2011 World University Games, which will run from Aug. 12 to 23.

"We are very proud to be a



Mancao

full member of FISU, which stages the Games, and excited to be participating in the Games. NMASA is confident that these two young men will represent the CNMI, NMASA, their universities, their families, and themselves well and honorably," NMASA president Micompeted in the FINA World Championships in Australia and Rome. He also donned the CNMI colors in the Micronesian Games twice with the last one in the 2010 edition of the quadrennial competition in Palau where he collected 13 gold medals and one silver and went

chael White said in an email to

Both Wong and Mancao had

represented the CNMI in vari-

20-year-old

swam for the CNMI Team that

ous off-island competitions.

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of the Games Award. Currently, Wong is a member of the UH-Manoa swim team that competes in NCAA Division I tournaments. Wong and company won the Conference USA Championships in

on to take the Top Male Athlete

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